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BRUNO CARDENTI, 404 Bridge Road.
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RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB

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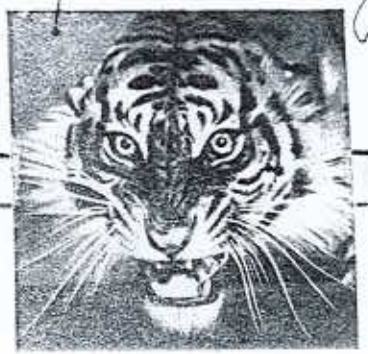
Sincerely
Maurie Fleming



SEASON 1954

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB

Founded 1884

Entered League 1908

Premiers V.F.A. 1902, 1905
Runners-up 1901, 1903, 1904
Premiers V.F.L. 1920, 1921, 1932, 1934, 1943
Runners-up 1919-24-27-28-29-31-33-40-42-44

SEVENTIETH

ANNUAL REPORT

and

BALANCE SHEET

SEASON 1954

HARRY DYKE, President. MAURIE FLEMING, Secretary.

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB
OFFICE-BEARERS, SEASON 1954

PRESIDENT:
H. J. Dyke, Esq.

VICE-PRESIDENTS:
M. J. Bolger, Esq.; R. H. Dunn, Esq.; J. H. James, Esq. (resigned 18/1/54); Senator P. J. Kenneliy; F. E. O'Brien, Esq.; W. G. Pitt, Esq. (elected 18/1/54); Senator J. M. Sheehan.

COMMITTEE:
Messrs. L. J. Goring, P. C. Langdon (leave of absence, ill), H. Lingwood-Smith (elected 18/1/54), C. E. Priestley, P. H. Rowe, L. Sinclair (elected proxy 31/5/54), J. Titus.

Players' Representatives on Committee:
A. Cooke, D. Rowe, R. Wright.

Richmond Cricket Club Representative on Committee:
Mr. L. Sinclair (off 3/4/54); Mr. F. Henderson (on 31/5/54)
(Proxy Delegate, Mr. D. Goodson)

Club Delegate to Richmond Cricket Club:
Mr. H. Lingwood-Smith.

Richmond Second Eighteen Representative on Committee:
Mr. J. Joyce (Proxy Delegate, Mr. L. Ford)

Club Delegate to Richmond Second Eighteen:
Mr. L. J. Goring.

Victorian Football League Representatives:

Messrs. H. J. Dyke and W. A. Quinn.

Chairman of Committees: Mr. F. E. O'Brien.

Hon. Solicitor: Mr. R. H. Dunn.

Auditor: Bruce Doig, Esq., Chartered Accountant (Aust.)

Hon. Medical Officer: Dr. P. L. Grogan.

Hon. Physiotherapist: Mr. John Stanley.

Timekeeper: Mr. W. Stanbrough.

Assistant Timekeeper: Mr. L. Langdon.

Coach: Mr. A. Pannam.

Captain: Mr. Des Rowe.

Vice-Captain: Mr. Max Oppy.

Training Room Staff:
Messrs. I. Booth (Head Trainer), J. Evans, F. Hegarty, R. Jordon, R. Julier, A. Keyhoe and W. McDonald.

OFFICE-BEARERS (Continued)

Property Steward: Mr. C. Callander.

Asst. Property Steward: Mr. H. Tomison.

Door Steward: Mr. J. Chandler.

Boot Studder: Mr. A. Moore.

Asst. Boot Studder: Mr. A. Nicholson.

Players' Property Steward: Mr. H. Jackson.
Hon. Transport Officers: Messrs. A. Salvado and W. Hall.
Committee Room Stewards: Messrs. L. Goodman and K. Pritchard.

Selection Committee:
Messrs. H. J. Dyke (Chairman), A. Pannam, C. Priestley, D. Rowe, J. Titus (Proxy Delegate, Mr. M. Oppy).

Finance Committee:
Messrs. F. E. O'Brien (Chairman), M. J. Bolger, R. H. Dunn, J. M. Fleming, W. A. Quinn.

Executive Committee:
Messrs. F. E. O'Brien (Chairman), M. J. Bolger, R. H. Dunn, H. J. Dyke, J. M. Fleming, W. A. Quinn.

Honorary Treasurer:
Mr. W. A. Quinn, 3 Coane St., Ormond, S.E.9 (LW 3075).

Honorary Assistant Secretary:
Mr. M. J. Bolger, 74 Railway Rd., Carnegie (UL 3361).

Honorary Ticket Secretary:
Mr. W. G. Pitt, 140 Glenhuntly Rd., Elsternwick (LF 7634).

Honorary Social Secretary:
Mr. C. E. Priestley, 14 Alexandra Ave., Canterbury (WF 4043).
Returning Officer: Mr. S. A. Wilkes.

Secretary:
J. M. Fleming, 85 Hoddle St., Richmond, E.1.
(Phones: Ground, JB 2222; Residence, JA 2818)

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

will be held in the

MELBOURNE TOWN HALL

on

WEDNESDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, 1955, at 8 p.m.

Admission by presentation of 1954 Season Membership Ticket or Invitation Card.

BUSINESS

To confirm Minutes of Annual General Meeting, Season 1953.

To receive Annual Report and Financial Statement, Season 1954.

Election of Office-Bearers.

Presentation of Life Membership and Five-Year Certificates.

Presentation of Trophies.

Presentation of Brownlow Medal to Roy Wright.

Amendments to Club Rules.

To deal with any other business of which necessary notice has been given in accordance with the Rules and Constitution of the Club.

Musical Programme

In accordance with the Constitution of the Club, the following Office-Bearers retire through effluxion of time, and are eligible for re-election:—

Vice-Presidents (2): Mr. M. J. Bolger and Senator J. M. Sheehan.

Committee (2): Mr. H. Lingwood-Smith and Mr. P. H. Rowe.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE-BEARERS, SEASON 1955

Vice-Presidents (two required):

M. J. BOLGER, J. M. SHEEHAN (unopposed)

Committee (two required):

H. LINGWOOD-SMITH, P. ROWE (unopposed)

Annual Report of the Committee of Management, 1954

To the Members of the Richmond Football Club,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We have pleasure in submitting for your approval the 70th Annual Report and Balance Sheet covering the activities of the Club for the year 1954. We again have the satisfaction of producing a credit balance on the season's operations, although once more we have to report a falling off in sales of membership tickets. This we have dealt with later in the Report.

The advent of Jim Deane, South Adelaide star player, created a feeling of confidence at the start of the season, and his consequent splendid football throughout the year, gave a feeling of keen satisfaction to the Committee who had made great efforts to secure him for the Tigers for some years. A narrow defeat by North Melbourne on that ground in the first game of the season was more than compensated by our splendid win at Richmond of 47 points later in the year. However, the form shown by the players in that opening match gave promise of a much better season for the Tigers than 1953 when we had finished tenth.

Wins against the eventual Premiers, Footscray, and Carlton in the next two games were followed by defeats by South Melbourne, Melbourne and Hawthorn, and then four consecutive wins against Collingwood, St. Kilda, Fitzroy and Geelong. The rest of the season saw the team play a mixture of good and bad football and then miss the finals narrowly by finishing in fifth position.

Lack of a good full-forward caused many attacks to break down at the spearhead. It is a remarkable thing that a rover in Ron Branton has been the leading goal-kicker in the past two years, scoring 22 in 1953 and 33 this season. This position can be improved we feel sure by the splendid form of young Bob Dummett who did so well for the Cubs in the final series. Bob is only 19 years, 6 ft. 2 in. and an excellent high mark. Other contenders will be Frank Dunin and Brian Davie, both of whom have shown promise on the forward lines, and could improve a lot as both are so young.

The illness of John Nix and Tom Hafey and injuries to Des Rowe, Jim Deane, Brian Davie and Roy Wright during the season often caused an upset in team balance, but taking the year right through, we were fortunate to miss out on really serious injuries. Prompt and skilled attention by our training staff had the players back on the field in a minimum of time.

We are sure the side will continue improving in 1955. The majority of the players are available from the 1954 list and the average age of the team which defeated Collingwood so convincingly in the last game was only 22. To defeat Footscray and Collingwood twice in the season, to easily defeat Geelong, Carlton, North Melbourne, Fitzroy and South Melbourne on one occasion, and to only suffer defeat at Essendon by three points gives us confidence for the coming year of football.

Perhaps 1955 will be our year. We hope so for our loyal members and supporters who have patiently waited for a Premiership since 1943. Let us all work hard for that goal.

OUR VICE-REGAL LIFE MEMBER

One of the most pleasing ceremonies ever to be conducted at Richmond was the presentation of the Honorary Life Membership Plaque to His Excellency the Governor, Sir Dallas Brooks, at our ground early this season. The plaque, prepared by our good friend,

Mr. Tom Trowbridge, was really a work of art, and His Excellency was delighted to receive it from Mr. Harry Dyke. Representatives of the V.F.L. and other Clubs were present.

Sir Dallas thanked the Club for the honour conferred upon him as in addition to being our Number One Member, he is now our only Honorary Life Member. Lady Brooks, also a member of our Club, expressed personally her thanks to the President and Committee at a pleasing function in the half-time interval.

We are delighted to have our Vice-Regal representatives so closely associated with the Tigers. His Excellency takes a very keen interest in the doings of the players and frequent messages of good luck are forwarded us during the season. Another thoughtful and friendly gesture was that of Mr. Sam Wells, famous cartoonist of "The Age," who presented a framed caricature of Sir Dallas in a Richmond guernsey, marking a ball with Life Membership inscribed on it, and with Number One on the guernsey. This was received with pleasure by His Excellency.

In a Christmas and New Year Greeting, Sir Dallas and Lady Brooks, wished the Tigers success in 1955.

We also join with our members in welcoming home their daughter, son-in-law and grandson, Lieutenant and Mrs. Robin Byrne, R.N., and Christopher, and trust their stay at Government House will be a happy one.

OUR PRESIDENT

Mr. Harry Dyke completed his fifteenth year as our President, and if hard work could have given us a Premiership, then it would have been his reward in 1954. Harry was untiring in his efforts to improve the standard of the footballers in the side and as Chairman of Selectors, saw practically every training run and took a practical interest in each of the players. It took much hard work to secure the services of Jim Deane for Richmond, and frequent visits were made by Harry to see officials of the South Adelaide F.C., frequently at his own expense, before we gained that talented player.

And so with Neil Davies, of Glenelg, who will be with us in 1955. Harry has been to see officials of that club on numerous occasions, and we assure our members that it is only the friendship and high esteem with which he is held in Adelaide which has secured this lad for the Tigers. Neil is a star, and in 1953 gained selection in the All-Australian team selected by the A.N.F.C. Harry Dyke has made it his special job to bring Neil here, and he will be with us at the Annual Meeting to be introduced to members. By the time the season starts, he will have completed his three months' residential qualification.

Harry is deservedly popular with officials of football in all of the States, and it is rare that one visiting Melbourne is not entertained by him whilst here. This has caused our Club to be held in high regard, particularly in South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania. We in return always enjoy the hospitality of these good friends when we visit them. As with officials, so with our own players and training staff. Regularly each season players in one or more of the games are Harry's guests at Dinner and a Show, whilst the trainers and some of the staff are also entertained each year. This naturally creates good-fellowship in the Club and does much for team-spirit.

Donations to our own Clubs and also various junior bodies in our district are made regularly, and many are the trophies which come from Harry Dyke to help spur the players onto greater effort.

Harry was elected Manager of the Victorian team to play South Australia at Melbourne and to visit Perth and Adelaide later in the season. It is doubtful if there has ever been a more popular Manager away with a Victorian team, and presentations made him by the visiting party on the return showed the feelings of the officials and players to him for a splendid job. The team was undefeated and the tour a financial success.

Harry is one of the best Chairmen to have ever graced a Committee table and his even temperament and tolerance make him an ideal man for a sporting club. His administrative knowledge gained over a life-time in football admirably fits him for the position of President, and it was a lucky day for Richmond when he was induced to take the position as our senior administrative official. In his fifteen years, he has never been opposed for the position, a striking tribute from our own members. We all trust his health will remain as good as it is now and thus enable him to continue working for his beloved Tigers.

I wish to pay my own tribute to Harry as an associate and friend. To work together in administration of a leading sporting body since 1940 and to be able to say there has never been any cross-purposes in the handling of our affairs, says much for the calibre of a man. In the many reports I have compiled, I have honestly endeavoured to give our members some insight into the background of this great administrator, and I assure all who have read those statements that every word has been true and justly earned by Harry. My main regret in leaving this position as Secretary is the loss of the association with such a man so unselfish and so great a friend. No one could have done more to help me in my efforts for Richmond than Harry, and he knows my esteem for him. All I can now add is this: Thanks, Harry, and may you be long-spared to continue working for Richmond and be blessed with good health to carry out your many duties in the V.F.L. and our Club.

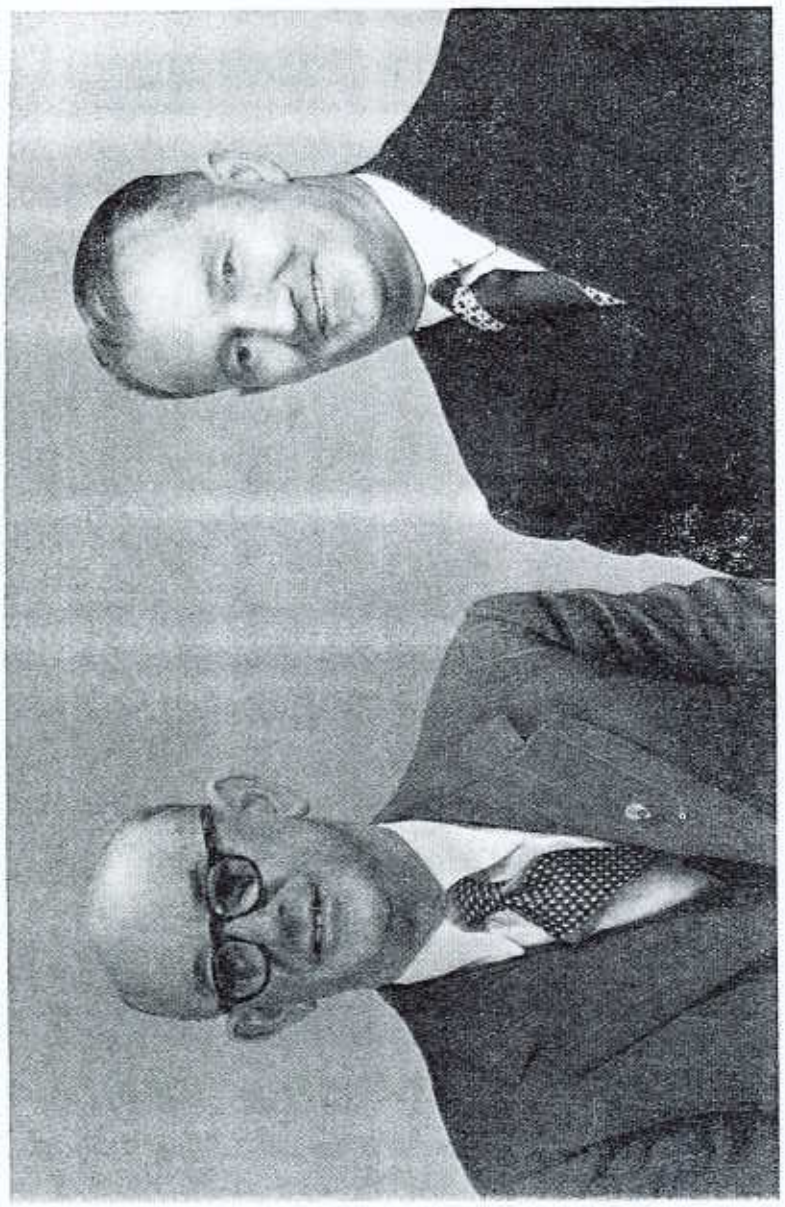
CLUB MEMBERSHIP FOR 1954

The lowly position on the premiership list in 1953 and the rise in price of the membership ticket this season were evidently responsible for another fall in our ticket sales.

Only 3,504 adult and 593 junior tickets were sold. This is hard to believe and harder still to understand, even with the luck of success the previous year. In six of the 1953 games, we could have easily won and been close to the finals as the largest margin of defeat was nine points in those games. The price of the ticket was only increased by 2/6, and spread over the 18 games, this was only about 1¾d. extra. Even with the fall in the admission prices due to the lifting of the entertainment tax, a person purchasing a membership ticket saved £1/11/6 on the year, as the ticket admits to four practice games, nine times to the reserve and stand at home games, and nine times to the outer ground at away matches.

The failure of our supporters to buy a membership ticket is one of the mysteries of my term of 15 years as Secretary. We have done our utmost to push the sales by even allowing "lay-by" payment, securing agents in the City, Richmond and other suburbs where they buy at their leisure, having committeemen and supporters selling at the ground prior to practice games and opening matches. Let us hope that 1955 will see our supporters rally round the Club and become members and take an active interest in their own Club.

Our veteran Ticket Secretary, Mr. Percy Langdon, is unfortunately still ill, and in his place Mr. Bill Pitt has carried out the duties associated with the position in a most capable manner. To



HARRY DYKE (President), MAURIE FLEMING (Secretary)
1940-1954 (Record term of office with Club)

Bill and his excellent body of helpers, and to our friends who act as agents, we extend our gratitude for their efforts on behalf of the Committee.

HONORARY TREASURER

To Mr. Bill Quinn, we extend our sincere appreciation for the time and effort he gives to our Club in carrying out his important task as our Treasurer. Bill is a member of the Victorian Public Service in a most responsible position, yet finds the necessary hours in his own personal leisure time to be one of the most efficient officials to ever grace the Committee table at Richmond.

Each year we are commended by the V.F.L. Auditor, Mr. Bruce Doig, for the way in which our books are kept and the manner in which our finances are handled, a splendid tribute to Mr. Quinn for the care he takes with our financial affairs.

During the last few years, Bill's health has not been the best, but now he has completely recovered. We do wish him a continuance of perfect health to enable him to carry out his numerous Club duties.

DELEGATES TO VICTORIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Richmond is fortunate in having two of the senior Executives of the Club in our President, Harry Dyke, and Treasurer, Bill Quinn, to represent our views on the V.F.L. Each has had a life-time of administrative work naturally fitting them for the arduous duties associated with the work of the League.

Harry was again a League Selector and also on the Permit and Umpire and Adverse Weather Committees, whilst Bill has been a valued member of the Finance Committee handling the tasks with which he is so familiar at Richmond. Our appreciation to both gentlemen for their efforts for Victorian football.

CLUB EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Once more the important work of the Executive duties and financing of the Club was placed in the hands of Messrs. Frank O'Brien (Chairman of Committees), Martin Bolger, Ray Dunn, Harry Dyke, Maurie Fleming and Bill Quinn. However, on several occasions, the Committee co-opted Messrs. Bill Pitt and Charlie Priestley, President and Secretary respectively of the Social Committee to discuss the important matter of securing necessary finance to handle the affairs of the Club following the fall in membership ticket sales.

Fortunately, the improved form of the team resulted in better gate receipts, and we were again able to show a credit balance at the conclusion of the year, a factor most pleasing to our Committee.

The price of football gear remained fairly stable during the season to the satisfaction of your Executive. We look forward to the day when sales taxation will be removed from all sporting material and thus benefit all clubs, senior and junior.

To the members of both important committees, we tender the thanks of the Tigers for the attention they give all matters affecting football policy and finance.

OUR SELECTION COMMITTEE

Messrs. Harry Dyke (Chairman), Alby Pannam, Charlie Priestley, Des Rowe and Jack Titus, with Max Oppy as proxy, were again elected to this important committee after rendering excellent service in the previous season. The duties of the Selectors commence not at the opening game as is generally thought by members, but actually from the moment a list of selected recruits is handed them by the Secretary from local and country teams, plus the players signed

during the previous year and the Club list players. These are carefully perused and those selected become the list for invitation for practice games.

The Selectors watch each training run on practice nights and games before finally deciding the players to remain at the Club.

Colin Austen, Second 18 Coach, works with the Selection Committee in all these meetings and his experience is invaluable. Colin also attends the meetings of the Selectors during the season and makes a report on every player under his care, whilst Len Dockett, the new Coach of the 3rd 18, submits his report on his lads, also. As many of these players gain promotion to the Cubs during the year, this is a good move. Keith Hearn, Honorary Coach of the 4th 18, each week submits a report on every player on his training list. These innovations have only been introduced recently and our members will see the benefit of the new procedure in the near future.

To all mentioned above, we extend thanks of the Committee and members.

VICE-PRESIDENTS AND COMMITTEE

We are fortunate in having available for the important Committee positions men of business ability who are able to successfully handle the many problems which arise during a season. Conferences with the Richmond Cricket Club, the Second 18 and Ground Management Association affecting the ground are held frequently, and all vitally affect the welfare of the Tigers.

Traffic may not seem a problem in football, but we assure our members that Punt Road and Brunton Avenue are going to seriously affect our occupancy of the ground in the near future. Various plans are already being discussed by Governmental and Semi-Governmental bodies and also the Melbourne City Council for the widening of these main arteries, and all are causing concern to the Cricket and Football Committees. The adoption of any of the proposals will have a definite bearing on the ground, and thus cause concern for the Committee. The position is being carefully watched.

Occupying the important positions of Vice-Presidents are Senator Pat Kennelly, Senator Jim Sheehan, Martin Bolger, Ray Dunn, Frank O'Brien and Bill Pitt. All have been associated with our Club in various capacities for many years. Legal work is in the efficient hands of Messrs. Ray Dunn and Frank O'Brien, both well known in law circles, and over a long period they have acted as our Honorary Solicitors. Senators Kennelly and Sheehan were of great assistance in the campaign organised by the Australian National Football Council for the lifting of the Entertainment Tax on the admissions to live sport to a much more reasonable scale. They are also invaluable in contacting players for the future and in placing them in suitable employment.

Martin Bolger has been our Assistant Secretary for many years after giving ten splendid seasons as a back-pocket player for which he received his Life Membership. Martin is a member of a well known Richmond family and brothers Tom and Jim are City Councillors and equally interested in the Tigers. Bill Pitt, after being a Committeeman for some time, was elected Vice-President to replace Mr. Jack Jones. Bill, in addition to being proxy Ticket Secretary, is the hard-working President of the Social Committee.

Our Committeemen in Les Goring, Hec Lingwood-Smith, Charlie Priestley, Percy Rowe, Les Sinclair and Jack Titus are all splendid workers for the Club. Former League star footballers in Jack Titus, Charlie Priestley and Percy Rowe know the requirements of the players and are most useful in the training room. Charlie is, in addition, our Social Secretary. Les Goring has been connected with the Club for more than 20 years and is a keen Social Committee worker whilst he also represents us on the Cubs' Committee. Les Sinclair, was Cricket Club representative on our Committee, and after his resignation from that body, was persuaded to accept the proxy position on our Committee in place of Percy Langdon, still ill. Hec Lingwood-Smith, a former player and coach in South Australia and Tasmania, and later officially connected with South Melbourne and Sandringham as Hon. Secretary, is a most valued figure at Richmond. His work in 1952 in assuming secretarial duties whilst our Secretary was off for six months ill, and again in scouting for players, has won him the respect and good-will of our members. Hec is also our delegate to the Richmond Cricket Club.

Delegate from the Cubs to us is their Secretary, Mr. Jim Joyce, and from the R.C.C., the late Frank Henderson, who did much to cement the good feeling between the two Clubs. Proxy delegates from the R.C.C. during Frank's illness were Bill Smith and later Dave Goodson. To Jim Joyce, and our two friends from the R.C.C. we offer our sincere thanks for their able representation of the views of their Clubs at our Committee.

Players' representatives elected at the first meeting of the players at the commencement of the season were Allan Cooke, Des Rowe and Ray Wright, and proved decided acquisitions to the debates on many matters affecting the welfare of the players and the future of the Club.

May I, as Secretary, pay a tribute to all members of the Committee for their loyalty and co-operation to me during my term of office. They have always been ready to assist me in every way to make the position a success, and I do deeply appreciate their kindness at all times.

COACH FOR 1954

Alby Pannam was again entrusted with the coaching position and as is usual with him, did his utmost to get the players fit early in the season and keep them at their top for the whole of the games. His own physical fitness is a credit to him. Alby is on the field early each training night and is last to leave, often taking players out late if they have been detained at work and thus enabling them to have the benefit of his experience and help.

With so many young players under his eye, there was naturally more work for Alby to do, as often these new lads have to have an absolutely new style of training taught them. Many of them come from country districts where they are able to do little preliminary training and they must be taken individually and given special set work and coaching. In this, Alby has proved a splendid master. The improvement in the play of these young lads will be seen early in the coming season.

Capably assisting Alby was Colin Austen, who co-operated in every way possible to bring success to the Tigers. Frequent conferences were held by the two coaches on altering the style of several of the players. A number of 3rd 18 boys were invited up each Tuesday and Thursday evening to enable them to gain the benefit of running with talented senior players. This became a feature of the 3rd 18 set-up in 1954. The players doing well in the curtain-raisers to 1st 18 games were given the privilege of training with the 1st 18 under Alby Pannam.

To Alby, the thanks of the Committee and members for his efforts. We wish him a Premiership next season.

CAPTAIN AND VICE-CAPTAINS

For the third consecutive season, the Committee elected Des Rowe as Captain and Max Oppy as Vice-Captain, and both proved able leaders and worked well with the Coach and Selection Committee. On the occasions when Des and Max were injured, Roy Wright capably filled the position of Vice-Captain.

The Club was fortunate in having such experienced men on the field to handle the players. Des completed his ninth season and has played 123 games, and is surely one of the most courageous and dashing players to play with the Tigers on the half-back line. With Roy Wright and Ray Poulter, he will become eligible for Life Membership in 1955 and this will be a fitting reward for his service to us, on and off the field. Des is most helpful in the matter of accommodation for players arriving from the country districts and with his wife, mother and father, also entertain these lads, making them feel very much at home with their new team.

A blow to the Tigers is the retirement of Max Oppy as a player after 13 wonderful years. His 184 games have all been marked with the best he could give to the Club. Vigorous always, his play has been most courageous. Commencing as a rover and centre player in 1942, he did not take long to find his correct position in the side, and he became one of the best back-pocket men to ever play. He has had the unenviable task of watching some of the finest rovers in League football, and it is safe to say none of these great players have relished their spell off the ball to be matched with the tenacious Max. A grand clubman, he has been most useful in securing employment for many of our players in recent years. Max is going to be missed on the field, but all members will hope that he continues to serve Richmond in some other capacity. However, this is a matter for the future. Here we wish to convey Max the deep and sincere thanks of the Committee and the members of the Club for the time and devotion he has shown to the Club in his career. To mark the end of his football, a striking tribute was paid him by the Collingwood players in the last match of the year at Richmond. Max led our team onto the field through the Magpies ranks and they gave him a real champion's welcome. At the conclusion of the game he was carried off by his team-mates to the applause of the thousands present. Our thanks to the Collingwood Committee and Players for their fine gesture.

THE PLAYERS

We desire to thank all players associated with the Club during 1954 for the services rendered us, whether on the full or supplementary lists, and whether playing with the 1st, 2nd or 3rd 18's. Each did his best for Richmond and deserve full marks from our members for the way in which they co-operated with the Committee and the Coaches appointed to watch their careers in football.

Many of the new players have bright futures and the experience gained in playing through the final series with the Cubs will prove of the utmost value in seasons ahead. To blend the talent offering the Club at the commencement of the season into the previous season's list is no easy task. The job of finding key-position players is never ending and the experiments carried out in team placements during a year are many and varied. However, we are sure our members will agree with us that they saw a number of fine players on the Melbourne ground with our 2nd 18 in the finals, who will be seen in the seniors in the future. Most of these lads were developed in 1954 with the co-operation of Colin Austen and the Cubs' selectors.

A number of the players who were on the 1953 list were allowed to transfer away, whilst several others were transferred in their jobs to the country. Of these, two excellent lads in Frank Dunin,

18-year-old promising ruckman and centre half-forward who was at Dookie College, and Gavin Hoare, 19-year-old centre and rover, who was transferred in the Education Department, are expected to return and regain their places on our list.

Many of the lads not regulars in the first eighteen and who had been with us for some years were given clearances to Association teams and had good seasons and did much to strengthen their new sides. Others were given opportunity to play in country teams, some as coaches and others as players only, but many received lucrative returns for the football they gave their new sides.

A list of the players who actually played with the senior team during 1954 is shown in this Report, and others on the training lists who did not play but who gained valuable experience with 2nd and 3rd 18's were:—

R. Burns	R. Hennessy	E. Langridge
F. Clarke	K. Hogan	A. McConnell
B. Craig	C. Howard	A. Roberts
J. Croysdale	D. Jones	J. Robson
B. Gilmore	J. Lane	

Several of these players were later cleared to country and city teams to give them opportunity of receiving monetary reward for their football.

For 1955, a number of fine young players have been secured and signed, whilst we are sure to receive others from our own junior sides, particularly from our best recruiting ground for young lads, our Thirds. Len Dockett spent much time with the boys giving them valuable hints and altering the style of many of the lads to suit senior requirements. One piece of bad luck for the team was the injury sustained by promising young player, Graeme Richmond, who underwent a serious operation on his knee. Graeme has done his utmost to get the leg right, but to date it has defied his attention.

I wish to personally thank all players at the Club for their loyalty and the co-operation always extended me in my time with the Tigers and desire to convey this also to the whole of the trainers and the staff for the devotion they have shown Richmond over the time they have been with us.

OUR TRAINING ROOM STAFF

We are indeed fortunate to have associated with us in the administration of the Club a fine body of men in our trainers and the staff of the training room.

The trainers work under the guidance of the selectors, but are led by a very capable head trainer in Mr. Irvine (Jim) Booth. We assure our members that the task of getting the players under their charge fit and keeping them so throughout the season has become really a personal matter with Irvine and his co-workers in Jim Evans, Frank Hegarty, Ray Juliet, Ron Jordon, Alby Keyhoe and Bill McDonald, and in this work they receive valuable help from Cubs' head trainer Cliff Warry and his staff of Messrs. S. Edwards, B. Matthews and J. McNamara.

Training operations for many players commence early in the year under the direction of the Selection Committee and Coach and they have the help of the trainers in this pre-season work. We extend our thanks to Irvine Booth, Cliff Warry and the trainers mentioned above for their services and the help they give the players throughout the year.

Our staff in the training room all play an important part in keeping the players a happy and contented body. Led by our veteran in service, Property Steward Charlie Callander, they do much to help the Club function smoothly. Charlie is a legend in

League football and his fame also extends to the other States, due to his kindness to many visiting teams, officials and players, and in addition to the confidence in his ability shown by his re-appointment as V.F.L. Baggage Steward for the Victorian Interstate team. In 1954, Charlie had the pleasure of working with our head trainer, Irvine Booth, as assistants to the V.F.L. Manager, our President Harry Dyke, who took the Victorian team to Western Australia and South Australia on one of the most successful visits yet made. The side was not defeated and the tour proved a financial success. Harry paid great credit to Charlie and Irvine for their help in handling the visiting party.

Assistant to Charlie Callander is Harold Tomison, who took over in his absence on the Interstate trip, and also did valuable work in the property room for the season. The other members of the staff in hon. timekeeper, Bill Stanbrough, and his assistant, Laurie Langdon, Alan Moore (boot studder) and his assistant, "Jock" Nicholson, our friends who handled the transport work of the Club in the late Alex Salvado, and his successor, Wally Hall, door steward Jack Chandler, players' property steward H. (Barney) Jackson—a fine worker, Committee room stewards Len Goodman and Ken Pritchard, were grand workers for Richmond and many others from time to time helped in various ways to do the honorary work of the Club.

All of the gentlemen named above have been great friends to the Tigers, but I would be remiss in my duties if I did not pay a special tribute to Mr. Charlie Callander, who has been a wonderful help to me for the past 15 years. There is hardly a day in the year that Charlie is not at the ground to see what can be done to help the Club and in particular, the Secretary, to carry out his duties. This has entailed him much work and has taken him away from his home a great deal. Mrs. Callander must also be thanked for her assistance to the Tigers at all times. A private tip to our members. We might in the very near future have another Callander at Richmond, not on the staff, but as a player, for son Kevin, aged only 14, is one of the most promising junior players in our City. Although Kevin is a real Magpie supporter, members are assured he will never be cleared to that Club for the Callanders have been much too helpful to Richmond to risk losing a future champion.

OUR HONORARY DOCTOR AND PHYSIO-THERAPIST

Whilst the duties of most of the staff finish for the year at the end of the season, the work of the Honorary Medico, Dr. P. L. Grogan, and the Honorary Physio-therapist, Mr. John Stanley, continues for the whole 12 months. Players are under their constant supervision and injuries sustained during the previous football season are often still receiving attention well into the summer months.

Even at this present time, Colin Austen has an injured knee which may require an operation on which his football future may well rest, whilst young players in Brian Davie, Ron Branton, Kevin Dillon and Frank Dunin are still receiving treatment for injuries sustained in the 1954 season. Every effort is being made to ensure that all will be fit and ready when the practice games commence in 1955. It will not be the fault of Dr. Grogan or Mr. Stanley if this is not so, as they have the players attending them constantly.

The honorary work performed by both gentlemen in the interests of the Club is deeply appreciated by the President and Committee and we convey them our sincere thanks for their untiring care of the players.

OUR BROWNLOW MEDALLIST AND BEST AND FAIREST PLAYER

1954 saw our champion ruckman, Roy Wright, win his second Brownlow Medal and the fourth in the history of the Club since 1924. The award was received with the acclaim of all the football loving public as being one well-deserved and well-won. Roy had a splendid season and was one of the main factors for the improvement in the fortunes of the Tigers on the field, but at times he played under extreme difficulty through injuries. An old injury to his back plus a nose broken three times during the season, and an elbow severely injured during the Interstate series kept him under constant care of the staff of the Club. His great courage kept him playing each week and although at times he was not as effective as he would have been if 100 per cent. fit, he still gave of his best.

Naturally, Roy also won the Club Best and Fairest Award, and he will be presented with the J. H. Jones Trophy at the Annual Meeting and his name will once more be inscribed on the Victor Thorp Memorial Shield. He was successful in winning the London Stores Award of 3AW, the "Herald" Trophy, the "Sporting Globe" Award and the Fred Hesse Clothing Trophy on the vote of the "Sporting Globe" writers. In addition he gained the most votes in the Eli Phillips weekly trophy on the "Argus" writers' selections, Max Reddy's trophy for the most votes in the Brownlow Medal, and the local "Richmond News" Award.

A splendid year for a wonderful player and clubman. Roy was an inspiration to his team-mates right throughout the season, as he had also been in 1952, when he won the Brownlow for the first time.

The presentation of this coveted V.F.L. Award will be made at the Annual Meeting on 9th February at the Melbourne Town Hall by League President, Dr. W. C. McClelland, and it is certain our members will be there in force to give him the acclaim he so rightly deserves.

At the suggestion of our President, a photo is included with this report for members who may desire to keep or frame same. This was done when Bill Morris won his Medal and was much appreciated by our supporters, particularly the younger members.

Roy will not be 26 years old until February, 1955, so it is well within his scope to win another Brownlow Medal and so join former champions, Haydn Bunton and Dick Reynolds, who gained three of these awards. In this, Roy will have the best wishes of all football supporters who admire him as one of the greatest and fairest players of all-time.

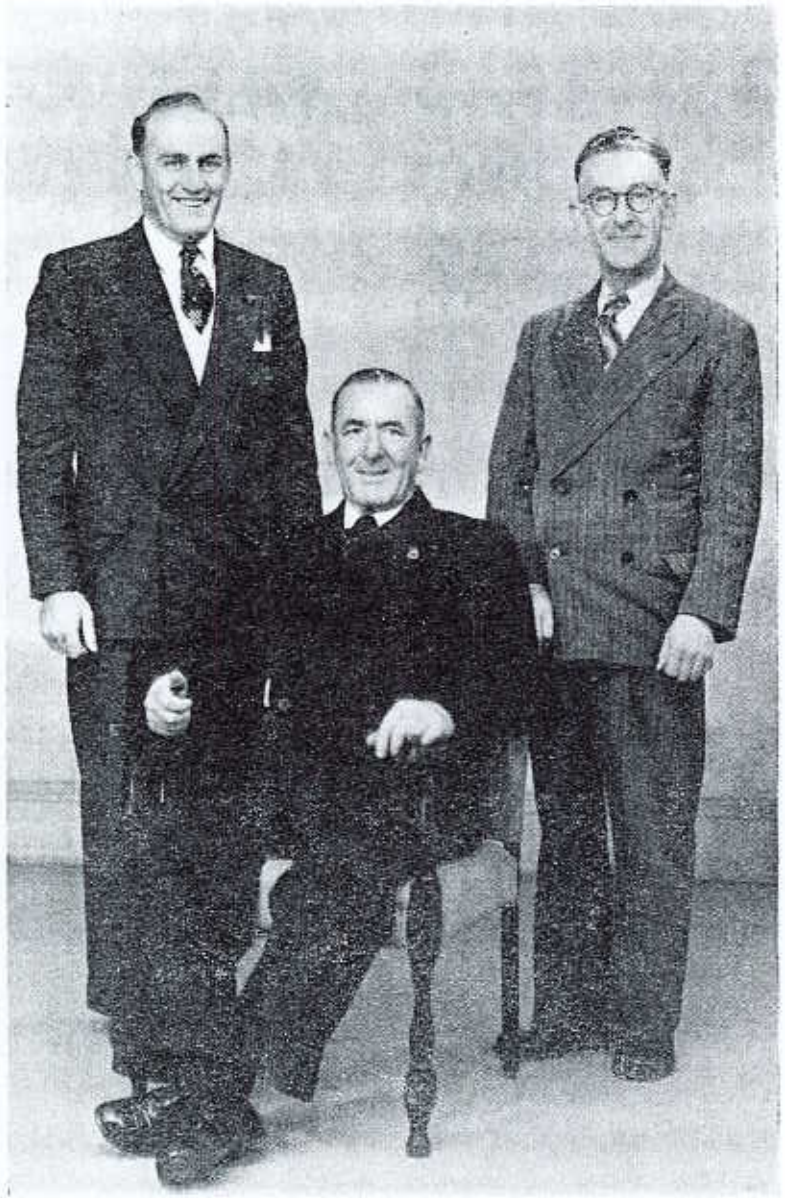
THE J. D. LANGDON TROPHY

After a very keen competition with a number of the senior reserve players, Frank Slater, dashing 20-year-old half-back and ruckman, won the trophy of the First Eighteen for the best and fairest player of the Cubs. He thus takes the trophy set aside annually to perpetuate the memory of the late J. D. Langdon, a valued official of the Tigers for many years.

Frank has a very bright future in football possessing great courage and stamina, and his exhibitions in the final series for the Second Eighteen had much to do with the Cubs gaining the 1954 Premiership. He has already played 12 games with the Tigers and should become a regular player in 1955. Congratulations, Frank, from your team-mates.

THE J. J. SMITH MEMORIAL TROPHY

Eighteen year old Ray Jordon, son of a former Tiger player, was the outstanding footballer of our Third Eighteen and wins the Club trophy donated each year in memory of former Treasurer, the late Jack Smith.



RICHMOND F.C. 2nd XVIII. OFFICIALS
Colin Austen (Coach), Bob Knapp (President), Jim Joyce (Hon. Sec.)

Like his father, Ray is a wingman, and those of our members who attend to see our Thirds play the curtain-raisers, were greatly impressed with his excellent play and stab-passing. He is also a First Eleven cricketer with the Tigers and is a most promising wicket-keeper. Well done, Ray. We look forward to the day when you will play with the Tigers. The trophy will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

THE BILL COSGROVE MEMORIAL TROPHY

Former North Ballarat City player, Jim Walton, is the winner of the best first-year player trophy donated annually by Mr. Harry Dyke to keep fresh in the minds of our members the name of one of the most promising players to don a Tiger guernsey, the late Flight-Sergeant Bill Cosgrove, killed in action over New Guinea.

Jim is only 20 years old and one of the most promising ruckmen at the Club for many years. To be able to play 16 games in his first season of League football was a splendid performance, and with the experience gained during those games should prove a very valuable player for the future. We are grateful to the officials of the North Ballarat City Club, led by genial Secretary, Mr. Jim Tatterson, for helping us secure Jim Walton and another future star ruckman in Len Mitchell, 19 years old and over 6 ft. 2 in., who will be with us in 1955.

LIFE MEMBERS FOR SEASON 1954

Two splendid workers for Richmond in Messrs. Bob Knapp, President of the Second 18 F.C., and Bill Stanbrough, our Honorary Timekeeper, are the Committee nominations for Life Membership for the season 1954. We are sure that our members will endorse the appointments as both gentlemen have been untiring in their efforts to further the interests of the Tigers.

Bob Knapp has been associated with the Cubs for many years as a Vice-President and President, and his assistance to the First Eighteen officials has been outstanding. Generous in donating trophies to both Clubs, he has also taken a keen and active interest in our 3rd 18 and is deservedly popular with all players. A fitting reward for his work for Richmond was the fine win in the Grand Final by the Cubs.

Bill Stanbrough has been associated with the Tigers for over 20 years. Of these, five were as assistant timekeeper to Mr. Wally Baker, one of the veterans of football, and the last fifteen years as timekeeper. Bill is a keen football statistician and keeps records of goals and behinds scored in every match at which he officiates, games played by players, marks, etc., all of which are useful to your Selection Committee. Bill performs his duties in an entirely honorary capacity and is a most valued member of our staff.

We congratulate both recipients of this Club honour and trust they will be with the Club for many more years.

FIVE-YEAR PLAYER

Twenty-three-year-old Brian Boland is the only player eligible to receive a five-year playing certificate at the Annual Meeting. Brian came straight from College to the Cubs after receiving a residential clearance from another League Club and has been a most serviceable player with both first and second eighteens. He has taken part in 46 senior matches and has played in a number of positions. His best form till this year has been on the wing, but during the latter part of the 1954 season, Colin Austen tried him as a rover where he excelled in the 2nd 18 final series.

Although only young in experience, Brian has already been sought by country clubs as a playing coach, but he has decided to

remain with the Tigers. We congratulate him on his fine clubmanship during his five years with the Club.

RICHMOND CRICKET CLUB

The warm congratulations of all connected with the Richmond Football Club to our sister body, the Richmond Cricket Club, on passing the 100 years of existence as a sporting body.

This event was celebrated with a Smoke Social at the Richmond Town Hall at which many of the great pioneer players and administrators of the Cricket Club were present, and received with applause. Our Executive Officers attended by invitation and had the pleasure of conveying our appreciation of the co-operation and friendship always shown our Club. To mark the occasion of the Centenary, a splendid book on the deeds of the Cricket Tigers of the past and present was prepared by "Argus" sporting writer, Mr. Percy Taylor, and we recommend our members to purchase a copy of same.

Our best wishes to Bill Johnston who gained his Life Membership, and also once more won a position in the Australian Eleven. A fine sportsman always, and an ornament to the game of cricket.

Our regrets to the relatives of our late Committeeman and good friend, Frank Henderson, who passed away late in the year. Frank had only been R.C.C. representative on our Committee for a short time, but had already won the esteem and admiration of all. His ready co-operation and that of his fellow-Committeemen of the R.C.C. in our charitable efforts was always appreciated.

It was our pleasure to be present at the unveiling of the Memorial Plaque to R.C.C. members who fell in the 1st and 2nd World Wars and also the Korean War by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Edmund Herring, a very pleasing function.

To Mr. Jim Cook, President; Mr. Noel Baragwanath, Treasurer; and most capable veteran Secretary, Percy Maybury, we extend our thanks for the help given us always. Nothing is a trouble to Percy and his fellow officials and we do appreciate his friendship over such a long period. Curator Nick Hosking and his assistant, George Maybury, were also a great help to us throughout the season.

At the present time, the R.C.C. delegate to our Committee is former cricketer Dave Goodson and already he is proving as useful as his predecessors Les Sinclair and the late Frank Henderson.

We wish the Cricket Club the best of luck and further success for the future, with the added wish of better health to Percy Maybury in 1955.

RICHMOND SECOND EIGHTEEN

A splendid season of football culminating in the winning of the 1954 Pennant was a fitting reward to President Bob Knapp, Treasurer Frank Keon, Coach Colin Austen, and very efficient Hon. Secretary Jim Joyce for the untiring effort they put into the administration of the Cubs. The co-operation of the Committee and officials of the 2nd 18 was outstanding during the year and several

Colin Austen missed a number of games through a bad knee injury, but fortunately was able to supervise training operations. Brian Boland proved a capable deputy to him.

Colin was selected to captain the Victorian Combined 2nd 18 v. South Australia, and also against the Croydon League. His teammate, Don Hart, also gained selection and both acquitted themselves very well. Young players Stan Morcom and Jim Croysdale were selected to represent the 2nd 18 League in the game versus the Werribee Association. Congratulations to all.

The performances of the players in the Final Series were really brilliant and each of the three games in which they participated resulted in easy victories. Many trophies were awarded and players equally participated in the distribution. Suitable entertainment was provided by the Cubs' Committee under the leadership of Mal Wishart and Hughie Morgan to celebrate the premiership. Our committeemen and our Club contributed liberally to the trophy funds in recognition of a pennant well-won, and attended the socials organised to celebrate the victory. Tom Campbell, Tom Carter, Stan Stafford and their co-workers of the Victoria Banjo Club provided much of the entertainment as a gesture to the Cubs, and for this we convey the thanks of the Richmond Football Club.

We wish the Cubs further successes in the future.

OUR THIRD AND FOURTH EIGHTEENS

With the retirement of our former player, Andy Brannan, to take up a position as non-playing coach of the A.N.Z. Bank team in the Amateur Association, our Club was fortunate enough to secure talented former Melbourne player and Richmond cricketer, Len Dockett, to take over as our 3rd 18 coach. Len did a magnificent job and has many talented young players to send up to the Cubs and Senior teams for 1955. Much of his coaching was individual and he was thus able to correct faults in ball-handling and disposal and so improve their football.

Wally Hall, Manager, and able assistants in Arthur McConnell, Snr., and Bruce Wainwright handled the administrative work of the 3rd 18 and in this work, they had the support of Mr. John Yewers, of the Richmond Citizens. A further side was formed in conjunction with the Citizens, and some of the lads from the 3rd and 4th 18's who were unable to play with those teams were thus able to get match practice in competitive football.

Stewart Hemmerde, Manager, and Keith Hearn, Honorary Coach, are two most valued officials of this Club and are doing splendid work in training many lads from school age to 17 years in football tactics and giving them experience for their future. Keith is a former North Melbourne player, but these days his aim is producing young lads for future Tiger teams. Mr. Hemmerde is one of the best junior football executives in Melbourne and is held in very high esteem also in Richmond Cricket Club circles. We are indeed fortunate in having both ready at all times to assist us in caring for the boys and preparing them for the day when they will be eligible for senior ranks. Former Hon. Secretary of the 4th 18, Gordon Wade, was transferred in his work to the country, and Tom Durack took over his duties.

Best player in the side was Peter Rice, whilst Len Billson managed to gain third position in the best player of the Melbourne Boys' League. Features of the year was the visit of our lads to Shepparton for a week-end trip, and the return trip of boys from that district to Richmond. Both excellently arranged and entertaining for all on the visits. The 4th 18 had a good season and finished runners-up

OUR DISTRICT JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Members will be delighted to learn that as this report is being produced the V.F.L. is making a routine review of the District Scheme and our Club is making a strong case for a better football

several junior teams, we have little scope for new players for the future. Our best recruiting team in this section of our district is Oakleigh Juniors, capably handled by Mr. Dave Ferguson, and coached by our former player, Des Martin, who has taken them to two consecutive premierships and undefeated in that period.

We are hopeful that the Independent Commissioners will give us a section of Melbourne which will be more football-minded than our present area. We have very few members in Malvern as our rolls will prove and football facilities are poor. Our aim will be to have the districts returned to the areas operating prior to 1941. We know we will meet strong opposition from the sides who are happy with their districts and as a three-fourths majority is necessary to make an alteration in the scheme, we are not very hopeful of success. Still, we will persist in our efforts until something is done to make the districts more equitable.

In Richmond, we have several sides which are making great improvement and we are hopeful we will gain some new players from the Richmond Districts, Richmond C.Y.M.S. and Y.C.W., and the Richmond Scouts, all doing well in 1954. The latter three teams won premierships and many of their young players will be invited to have a run at Richmond in 1955.

A recent conference with officials of the Richmond Districts, led by Cr. Bill Williams and Mr. Bill Brown, Secretary, with the 1st 18 and the Cubs, should do much to improve the prospects of the three teams next season as there will be closer relationship and better interchange of young players. Burnley Football Club was re-formed under former Secretary, Jeff Enlund, and should do well in the next season. We were able to help this team in several ways and will continue to do so. The Richmond Scouts have only been formed for two years and came from last in 1953 to Premiers in 1954—a good performance. The Richmond Y.C.W. and C.Y.M.S. teams have been strong sides for years and have sent many players to us. The Richmond Citizens Boys' Club again fielded several teams. A lad who played with our 3rd 18 at times in Colin Sodding-ton, but was mainly with the Citizens, won the best and fairest player of the Melbourne Boys' League in his section and is a player with a future. He will also bring with him a number of other lads for the 3rd 18 and Cubs from his old team. Congratulations, Colin.

A number of other clubs in Richmond and several in Malvern worked in close harmony with us and we have also done much to assist local schools. Each season, the Richmond State Schools Premiership side and Sportsmasters are entertained at the ground and several trophies are presented the winning school and best player.

Lectures and visits are made to many clubs with the senior players and committeemen taking a prominent part. Mr. Bill Lucas, of the Mitcham Youth Club, is a good friend of this team and several visits were made to help his young lads along, whilst among others, East Kew, Oakleigh junior teams, and Richmond Y.C.W. were lectured by Alby Pannam, Colin Austen and other prominent players.

In all, the relationships with the clubs in our present district stands at a high level and our officials will continue to do anything possible to assist the men who give up so much time to keep the junior sides functioning.

CLUB PROVIDENT FUND

The Players' Provident Fund of our Club is in a very good financial position, although in recent years quite a number of the former players have drawn their amounts due them for the services rendered Richmond on the playing field. The Finance Committee this season passed the sum of £702 to the Fund, and this has been allocated among the players eligible to participate. This grant, in addition to giving them an Interstate trip to Adelaide and the Spencer Gulf, was a fitting end to a splendid season.

The Victorian Football League Players' Provident Fund is also a splendid asset to the players on their retirement from our game.

DONORS TO CLUB FUNDS

Once more it is a pleasure to report to our members that the 1954 donations passed the £1,000 mark. Richmond is particularly fortunate in having a splendid body of supporters who, each year, rally to the Club with handsome donations.

Members can peruse the list in this Report and note with pleasure many prominent sportsmen who are keen supporters of the Tigers.

To each donor we convey our sincere thanks and ask them to continue their loyal support in the coming season.

DONORS OF TROPHIES TO PLAYERS

Each Annual Meeting at the Melbourne Town Hall, our members have the opportunity of inspecting the wonderful array of trophies donated for the players successful in the various awards. These trophies are always selected to suit the wish of the players who receive them, and are always of utility value to the player or his home. For some years now, the practice of giving cups has been discontinued, unless the donor specially requests it.

During the season, and mainly for the important games, there are always special trophies given by the generous patrons and these are awarded after the match.

We extend the thanks of all players on the list to the following ladies and gentlemen: Mr. Eli Phillips for his weekly award and for the special trophy at Annual Meeting for most votes over the season, Messrs. Jack Jones, George Graves, Ray Dunn, Pat Kennelly, Jim Sheehan, Harry Dyke, Johnnie Smith, Ron Board and Terry Fitzpatrick (Poowong), Ted Newton, Chris Dwyer, Marchants Pty. Ltd., R. L. Beatty, Mrs. E. Gregory, Stella and Max Reddy, Harold Moroney, Clarrie Robertson, Theo Lewis, Ernie Gray, Gordon Hoadley, Maurie Fleming, Dick Kelly, Cyril Turner, Jack Jacobs, Cr. W. Moran, Alby Pannam, Charlie Pannam, Charlie Priestley, Cr. Frank O'Brien, Joe Bromage, Les Goring, Charlie Wallace, Les Gibson, Mr. Mallon, Ossie Pickworth, Ross Lehmann, Dr. P. L. Grogan, Ray Upson, G. Gray, John Kennedy, Dan Guinane, Bill Pitt, Douglas Stewart, David Stewart, E. G. Cook, P. Haynes (Adelaide), Jack Titus, Arthur Dunnett, Joe Pettinato, John Stanley, Mr. Davie, Martin Bolger, Bob Barry, Jim Knuckey, Frank Reddy, Bill Walker (Ballarat), Len Goodman, Les Sinclair, F. Quinlan, J. Donithorne, Bill Quinn, P. Rimes, Fred Tupper, Ted Reidy, Fred Hesse & Co., Roger David (Sports Trousers), H. J. Heinz Co. (parcel goods), M. J. Will & Son, A. Creighton, Hugh Hutchinson, D. Fox, T. Coomb (Adelaide), John Moloney, C. Pritchard, M. Flanagan, N. Murdoch, Jock Bell, Fred Bunny, Donald Don, Fred Chatto, Ray Steele, S. Dockendorff, John Downs, John McMurray, Anonymous, South Richmond Football Club, Daphne Irene, Mr. Westerland (Minyip), F. Coleman, Minyip Football Club, Ray Wood, C. Smith, Max Oppy and Des Rowe.

CONDOLENCES

During the past year we had the misfortune to sustain the bereavement of good friends and patrons associated with our Club, many of them life-long workers in sport.

We have mentioned the passing of Frank Henderson elsewhere in the Report, but we also had the misfortune to lose such great sportsmen as former player Doug Strang; our Transport Officer, Alex Salvado; Dick Hohmuth, committee-room steward; Arthur Hunt, Vice-President and prolific trophy donor for many years; Tim Hardiman, a player of the early part of this century; Arthur Welsh, former player of the Cubs; Jack Irvine, of the V.F.L. Umpires' Board; a South Australian player, well-known to our lads in Barry

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB—INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, SEASON 1954

EXPENDITURE

Team Maintenance:—		
Players' Allowances, Sustenance, Lost Time, etc.	£3,119 0 6	
Coach and Training Staff	969 2 6	
Richmond Football Club 2nd XVIII.	652 12 9	
Richmond 3rd XVIII., Richmond Junior League and Junior Club Expenses	344 16 1	
Materials, Training Requisites	553 5 5	
Medical Supplies and Expenses	252 0 2	
Players' Presentations and Trophies	102 12 0	
Transport and Car Hire	77 9 6	
Recruiting Expenses	133 8 2	
Refreshments, Entertainments, etc.	1,024 14 6	
		£7,229 1 7
Administration Expenses:—		
Annual Meeting Expenses and Hire of Halls	£121 11 9	
Printing and Advertising	601 15 0	
Telephone, Telegrams, Postage	210 3 6	
Insurances	80 3 7	
Secretarial Salary and Expense Allowance	1,253 0 0	
Ground Management	220 4 11	
Maintenance, Club Rooms	192 15 7	
Presentations, Donations, Hospital Appeals, etc.	211 17 0	
General Expenses	30 8 6	
Photographs and Plaques	42 8 1	
Wreaths and Flowers	31 9 6	
		2,995 17 5
Honoraria		461 15 0
Trip—Players		584 4 8
Club Blazers		231 4 0
Players' Provident Fund—Grant 1954		702 0 0
Commission on Sale of Tickets		12 17 0
Delegates' Fees		2 2 0
Payroll Tax		36 9 1
Depreciation—Furniture and Fittings		44 10 0
Surplus to Accumulation Account		1,150 18 10
		£13,450 19 7

INCOME

Membership:—		
Sale of Tickets:		
3504 Adult Tickets at 25/-	£4,380 0 0	
593 Scholars' Tickets at 7/6	222 7 6	
	£4,602 7 6	
Less Levy paid to V.F.L.	101 11 6	
		£4,500 16 0
Richmond Cricket Club Membership Payments		903 0 0
Donations		1,000 14 2
Gate Receipts:—		
Matches Home Ground	£2,774 12 4	
Matches Other Grounds	2,727 7 0	
Practice Matches	56 12 0	
		5,558 11 4
Share of Second Round Proceeds:—		
Finals	£1,650 0 0	
Less V.F.L. Levies	773 1 4	
		876 18 8
Broadcasting Rights		41 13 0
Bar and Liquor Rights		350 0 0
Catering Rights		175 0 0
Interest Received		44 6 5
		£13,450 19 7

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB—BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1954

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities, Provision for Taxation		£150 0 0
Accumulation Account:—		
Balance, 1/1/54	£5,227 7 0	
Add Surplus Season 1954	1,150 18 10	
		6,378 5 10
		£6,528 5 10

ASSETS

Current Assets:—		
English, Scottish and Aust. Bank Ltd.	£3,553 4 10	
State Savings Bank, Trip Fund	880 7 5	
		£4,433 12 3
Investments, Commonwealth Treasury Bonds		1,400 0 0
Fixed Assets:—		
Furniture, Fittings, Office Machines, 1/1/54	£430 9 5	
Add Additions	15 0 0	
	£445 9 5	
Less Depreciation	44 10 0	
		400 19 5
Deferred Assets, V.F.L. Club Trust Account		293 14 2
		£6,528 5 10

H. J. DYKE, President. 22 W. A. QUINN, Treasurer. 23 MAURIE FLEMING, Secretary.

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB PLAYERS' PROVIDENT FUND, SEASON 1954

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, 12 Months ending 31st December, 1954

RECEIPTS			DISBURSEMENTS		
To Balance, State Savings Bank		£1,104 11 11	By Payments to Players:—		
„ Interest:—			Audas, P.	£15 3 10	
Commonwealth Loan Bonds	£46 17 6		Clarke, F.	27 13 5	
State Savings Bank	16 2 7		Collins, G.	18 6 9	
		63 0 1	Geard, R.	12 7 8	
„ Grant, Richmond Football Club, Season 1954		702 0 0	Hogan, K.	19 17 8	
			O'Rourke, J.	78 5 11	
			Patterson, J.	19 10 0	
					£191 5 3
			„ Balance, State Savings Bank		1,678 6 9
		£1,869 12 0			£1,869 12 0

PROVIDENT FUND BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1954

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Participants' Credits and Interest	£3,178 6 9	Commonwealth Loan Bonds, 1,500, 3½%, 1963	£1,500 0 0
		Balance, State Savings Bank	1,678 6 9
	£3,178 6 9		£3,178 6 9

DIGEST OF SALES OF 1954 MEMBERSHIP TICKETS

Sales—Adults	3,504	As issued by Printer:—	
Unsold—Adults	1,824	Adults	6,000
Donors, Life Members, Complimentaries, etc.	664	Scholars	1,250
Sent local firms (not returned)	8		
Sales—Scholars	593		
Unsold—Scholars	539		
Donors and Complimentary Tickets sent local schools and boys' homes	118		
	7,250		7,250

The President and Members, Richmond Football Club, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have to report that I have examined the Accounts and Transactions of your Club for the year ended 31st December, 1954. I have been advised that the Club did not at the 31st December, 1954, have any liabilities other than those shown in the above Balance Sheet.

I have pleasure in reporting that in my opinion, the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and correctly sets forth the true position of the Richmond Football Club at the 31st December, 1954, according to the information and explanations afforded me and as shown by the books of the Club.

19th January, 1955.

BRUCE W. L. DOIG, Chartered Accountant (Aust.), Auditor

Michelmore; Mick De George (Donor); Mrs. J. Bond, widow of late Jack Bond; and Con Curtain, a former President of the Footscray Football Club.

Others who suffered sad bereavement associated with Richmond and sport generally were: Hugh James (sister), Tom Crisp (wife), Roy Wright (grandfather), former player Frank Bourke (his baby), George King of Ballarat F.L. (father), Alan Ruthven (father), Les Davis (father of former Cubs' players), George Smeaton (grandfather), Cliff Warry (father), Ken Pritchard (father), Jack Fullerton, who lost both his mother and father during the year, Jack Buckley of Fitzroy (sister), Hec Lingwood-Smith (brother), Mrs. B. Herbert, widow of our late player and President, Bernie Herbert, also passed away recently, as did another good friend in Mr. J. O. Smith, former Melbourne Cricket Club committeeman, who donated us one of the Tiger skins in our rooms.

To the relatives of all mentioned we offer the deep sympathy of the members of our committee, players and staff and to all others connected with our Club who suffered the loss of someone dear to them, our condolences.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT AND CHARITABLE EFFORTS

Socially, the year was a fine one for the players and officials and many functions were capably organised by the Social Committee. Once more, Charlie Priestley was elected Secretary and on the resignation of Les Goring, Bill Pitt was elected President of a very strong committee comprising members of the senior committee, players and the staff of the Club.

Since he took over the duties associated with the position of Social Secretary, Charlie Priestley has been a hard-worker for the Club and his efforts have been crowned with success. In 1954, he received great support from Bill Pitt and they formed a capable team to watch over the social functions organised throughout the year.

A number of tennis tournaments, squash competitions and golf matches were arranged and drew good entries from the players. Prizes were awarded the winners. Several cricket matches were played. Darts is also popular on training nights and Sunday mornings, and competitive games were arranged. A bowls night was also held. The committees of the R.C.C. and the Cubs were entertained and in return both bodies entertained our Club.

The H. J. Heinz Co. entertained a number of our officials at a cocktail party at 3AW and during the season donated a number of parcels of their products as trophies. The combined social Sunday morning with the Cubs was an excellent function and entertainment provided by Max Reddy, Frank Rich and Tom Campbell and the Victoria Banjo Club boys. Our players were present at several Myer Store Sports Parades in the lunch-hour and introduced to football fans.

The Club Ball held on 18th June at Zeigfeld Palais was a grand evening and well attended. The Ball is run as a social outing and not for financial gain. The Club Sports Parade was held in the Melbourne Town Hall and thanks to the appearance of Miss Florence Desmond, who was present by courtesy of David N. Martin (Tivoli) and Mr. Eric Edgley, proved an outstanding success. Mr. Bill Dooley is thanked for his help in persuading Miss Desmond to attend. Messrs. Tom Clencie, Ted Newton, Ben Alexander and Bill Pitt are thanked for providing prizes for the special effort, and John Clemenger and 3KZ for arranging a grand night.

Cr. Bill Moran, previous Mayor of Richmond, organised a carnival to help the social activities and excellent entertainment was provided for those present. Cr. A. Coloretti helped in this success.

Seats were made available for "Rose Marie on Ice" by Mr. Hall Downey, of that company, and many of our players were present.

A Lecture Night at the Deaf and Dumb Institute, Jolimont, which was attended by Roy Wright, Hec. Lingwood-Smith, Bill Quinn, Bill Pitt and Charlie Callander, provided an excellent evening for the people associated with that Institute.

The members of the Richmond Softball team, led by Mrs. G. Bain, were a great help throughout the year in our special work, and at the end of the season they were entertained by the Club at dinner and a show.

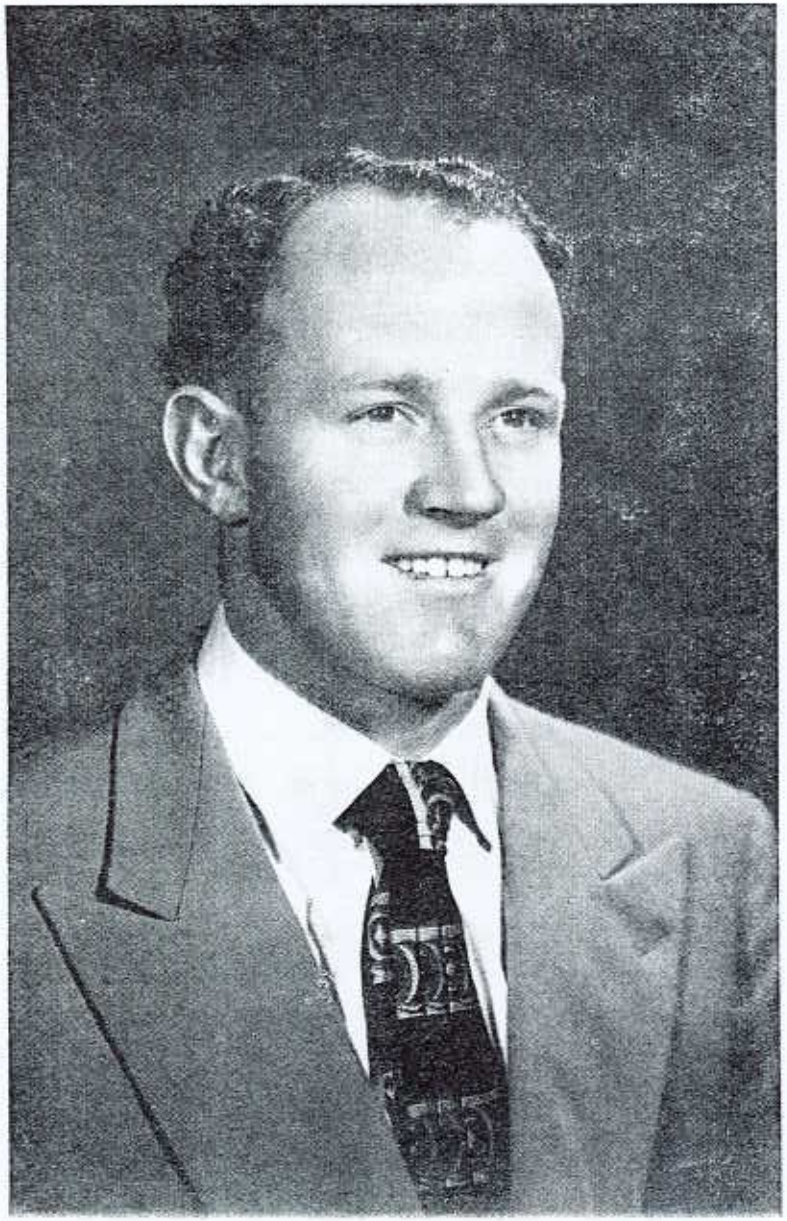
A number of visiting football teams from country and Interstate were welcomed at our rooms, and teams from the Queensland Football League playing in the Carnival trained and played in their game versus Australian Amateurs at our ground by permission of the R.C.C., whilst East Perth on a visit East were also entertained and trained at Richmond. Many country visitors attended our games and on occasions distinguished visitors from England and the U.S.A. were present by invitation of our President and Committee.

Former-players' matches were staged at St. Kilda, Fitzroy and Richmond to aid various charities and were very successful. In the game versus St. Kilda former-players, our former champions won by a narrow margin, and at Fitzroy again managed to get home for the Tigers. In both games, Basil McCormack attended, and several other players from country districts were participants. At Richmond we staged the Association versus League old-timers' game for charities, Inglewood and Prince Henry's Hospitals, and although rain almost washed out the function, each charity received almost £900 from the generous people who attended and helped. Several further games are in hand for 1955 and as the football played is of high standard, members should attend and help the charitable funds. We thank all our former players who took part in each of the games and who do so much for our hospitals and charitable efforts.

Prince Henry's Hospital was again our main participant in our work for charity and members will be delighted to know that the fund for the Sportsmen's Ward Committee has reached £160,000. Our Club has been prominent in the work associated with this Hospital. 1955 is the Appeal Year for Prince Henry's and we invite members to support the effort for funds to be raised for the Hospital. £250,000 is the target. During the year, one effort was a Picture Preview, "The Malta Story" at the Astor, St. Kilda, and St. Kilda and Richmond players led by Jack Dyer, Des Rowe, Roy Wright, Less Foote, Laird Smith and George Millard assisted. A splendid sum was realised. Present was His Excellency the Governor who helped in several of the efforts.

Assistance was also given Red Cross funds, the 3DB Children's Hospital, 3KZ Austin and Blind Babies Appeal, 3AW Mothers' Day effort, and the Women's Hospital. Several kindergartens, boys' homes and orphanages were given footballs and guernseys, as were local schools in Richmond. Guernseys were sent to the French Island Penal Settlement to enable the inmates to play football. Jack Dyer lectured to the players and officials of the Commonwealth Bank F.C. and a collection resulted in a good sum being paid by Mr. Wally Cohen to Prince Henry's Hospital. Numerous other appeals were also assisted by the Tigers.

A party of players and their wives arranged a dinner and show at the start of the season to enable the new lads to meet the senior players and this proved a success. Several players' dinners were also held at the club rooms to enable Coach Alby Pannam to lecture the boys. These were admirably catered for by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fairbairn.



MAX OPPY

Vice-Captain 1952-1954. Retired as Player, 1954.
Commenced with Club in 1942; played 134 games, scored 29 goals.

ROY WRIGHT

Brownlow Medallist 1954; also won the Medal in 1952.
Club Best and Fairest Player, Season 1954.
Commenced with Club in 1946; played 125 games, scored 77 goals.

To all members of the Social Committee and to those good friends who continually help us at our charitable functions, we express our sincere thanks for the time and effort made to provide funds for the Club and also for those charities for whom we are working.

OUR THANKS TO PRESS AND RADIO

No sporting body can enjoy success unless it has the esteem and confidence of the gentlemen of the Press and Radio. We feel we have gained this at Richmond by maintaining a feeling of good fellowship to the men deputed by both the newspapers of the State and the radio stations with whom we come in contact.

Publicity is definitely the life-blood of a sporting club and without the co-operation of the men who handle it for the public through their respective mediums, we would soon languish and lose support. So it is with a feeling of pleasure we convey to all who work with us in football and in charity, the deep and sincere appreciation of the many friends they have at Richmond Football Club.

In particular, we would like to mention the following pressmen and radio commentators: Messrs. Percy Taylor, Hugh Buggy, "Armstrong," Nigel Balfe, Peter Banfield, and Ron Liddicut, of the "Argus"; Percy Beames, Greg Taylor, Trevor Davis, John Meeking, David Matthew, Hal Tipping, and our good and loyal friend, Sam Wells, of the "Age"; Kevin Hogan, Rex Pullen, Kevin Brosnan, Jack Dyer, Peter Bennett, and Roy Terry, of the "Sun"; Alf Brown, John Priestley, "Weg," Ron Hobbs, Keith Black and Bob Buchanan, of the "Herald"; Geoff Hawkesley (Editor), Hec De Lacy, Ben Kerville, Jim Blake, Brian Feely, Bert Barclay, and in fact all our pals of the "Sporting Globe"; to Clyde Palmer, slowly recovering from a serious illness, and the sporting staff of "Truth" including our old friend, Charlie Sutton; George Cathie, Snr. and Jnr., and Bill Cathie, of the "Football Record" for valued help at all times; and Mr. Owen McKenna and his staff of the local weekly, the "Richmond News" for his great co-operation in presenting topical news for our fans in Richmond.

Messrs. Norman Banks, Ian Johnson, Arthur Lyster and our friends at 3AW; Phil Gibbs, our old former champion player, Jack Dyer, Eddie Balmer, John Ford, and Mr. Syd Morgan (Managing Director), of 3KZ; Jack Gurry, Lewis Bennett, Fred Tupper, Tony Charlton and John McMahon, of 3UZ; Frank Mogg, Alwyn Kurts and Doug McKenzie, of 3XY; George Andrew, Ron Casey, Eric Welch, and Dick Cranbourne, of 3DB; Mel Morris, Noel Bayley, Ray McDonald and their associates of the A.B.C.; Mr. John Clemenger, Douglas Elliot, David Brennan and the staff of Clemenger Advertising; Rea Benn, of 3AK.

To the pictorial staffs of the daily newspapers, our thanks for their ready co-operation during the season and, indeed, to all who are associated with sport administration in press and radio, must go our appreciation.

GENERAL

A feature of the work of the V.F.L. in 1954 was the establishment of a Secretaries' Conference which met once a month to discuss matters of interest to our clubs. This was hailed by all as a big step forward in improving relations between League officials, and also enabling discussion on many matters of interest to the clubs. A number of the decisions considerably helped players and the officials as a uniform policy was decided on matters of advertising and also on teams selected being forwarded radio stations. It is to be hoped that this progressive move will continue in the future years. Congratulations to those V.F.L. officials who made the conferences possible.

Our good friend, Hon. Like McBrien, is off on sick leave from his position as Secretary of the League. We wish him a speedy recovery to good health. In his absence, Mr. Eric McCutchan was appointed as Acting Secretary, and carried out the duties in a most capable manner. Eric was ably assisted by the other members of the V.F.L. staff led by Mr. Jack Hamilton and Mr. Arthur Hart.

Once more the Club forwarded membership tickets to many of the schools and deserving institutions in Melbourne to enable the boys and girls to attend our games.

Our Club Dinner to Press, Radio and Patrons was held at the Hotel Australia, and voted one of the best functions ever. These nights are an expression of our thanks to those who do so much to help the Tigers throughout the football season.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Brooks attended two of our games in 1954 and were introduced to players by our President. Later, in the half-time interval, the Vice-Regal party were entertained. We are always pleased to have the honour of our Honorary Life Member and Number One member and Lady Brooks' presence at our ground.

Veteran Secretary in service, Jack Adams, of the North Melbourne F.C., retired early in 1954. Jack was a fine official and his absence from North Melbourne was much regretted, but that club was fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Mick Tyrrell, who has ably carried out the secretarial duties for the Kangaroos. A Dinner was arranged by the Secretaries of the other League teams and through the courtesy of the President and Committee of the Collingwood Football Club, held in their social rooms. This enabled his retirement from his duties at North Melbourne through ill-health to be recognised by his mates in the other League clubs. A suitable presentation was made Jack, who expressed appreciation for the gesture.

John Coleman, of the Essendon Football Club, sustained a bad leg injury and missed many games in 1954. At the moment, his future is doubtful as a footballer. We would like to extend him best wishes of all his friends for complete recovery, and hope he will be available for the second game of the season, missing the first against our Club, only. Best wishes to Keith Warburton, also, who was severely injured whilst playing with Carlton in Perth. Keith is making good progress and should be back with the Blues this season.

Among clubs who trained at Richmond Football Ground this season were the Victorian 1st and 2nd 18's, the South Australian Amateurs, and the South Australian 2nd 18 team playing here for the first time for many years. Our Club had the pleasure of entertaining the South Australian State side and the South Australian Amateurs, whilst the Cubs entertained the Queensland State team and the South Australian 2nd 18 side.

A great pioneer in Australian National Football circles in the person of Mr. Bill Orr, of the Western Australian League, retired this year after many years service to our game. We wish Bill well in his retirement and success to his great fight for the game in Western Australia. Best wishes to his successor in the position of Secretary of the W.A. League, also.

Senator Jim Sheehan, Hec. Lingwood-Smith, and Bill Quinn attended the Annual Meeting of the Ballarat North F.C. at Ballarat and were given a warm reception by Mr. Jim Tatterson and his fellow officials. We are on splendid terms with most country clubs and this welcome was typical of that extended us whenever we visit the country. We desire to thank our friends in country clubs for their assistance and co-operation in all matters. In return we are always happy to be of service to them in matters of gear requirements, etc., when it is desired.

The Kia-Ora Sports Parade mentioned under social activities was as usual a success. We are very grateful to the Directors of this Company for continuing the feature which does so much for the city and country sporting clubs. The co-operation of Mr. John Clemenger and his staff is also deeply appreciated. They, with the staff of 3KZ, make the nights pleasing entertainment. The acts led by our old friends, Max and Stella Reddy, are always up to the highest standard in fun and pleasure. We wish to thank our good friends who act as our ticket agents for the Parade, and pay a special tribute to Miss Joyce Fox, of the Melbourne Sports Depot, for her outstanding efforts in selling tickets. To our own committee, players and staff who handle the arrangements, our best thanks.

Now an annual function eagerly awaited is the Kia-Ora Industries Dinner at the Hotel Australia. Representatives of all League Clubs are in attendance and this year it was our pleasure to have our Brownlow Medallist toasted by the former Medal winners who were present. Roy received a great reception and suitably responded to the speeches made in his honour.

Our former Secretary, Percy Page, has returned from his visit to England and Europe and with his family had a most enjoyable time. Even when so far away, Percy did not forget his old Club and secured from the Esso Petroleum Company an inlaid wooden plaque of their emblem, "The Flying Tiger," to be placed in the club rooms with a plate stating the method of its presentation to the Club. Esso Company was thanked by letter and we also extend our appreciation to Percy for his thought for the Tigers.

One of the best players ever in Alan Ruthven has retired from the coaching position at Fitzroy. We wish to extend Alan our best wishes and congratulations on the services rendered football in his 222 games with his team and also Interstate matches in which he played. Congratulations and lots of good luck to his successor, Bill Stephens, a grand footballer, very popular in sporting circles.

One of our new players in Daryl Jones, of Welshpool, won an award for outstanding bravery in sea rescue. The presentation of the Silver Medal in recognition of his courage was made by His Excellency the Governor at Government House. Daryl was warmly congratulated by Sir Dallas, who also wished him success in his football career. In this we join very sincerely, Daryl, and add our congratulations on your brave act.

APPRECIATION

The very sincere appreciation of the Tigers is tendered the following good friends for help during 1954:—

Mr. G. Gardiner, of The J. R. Watkins Co., for donation of medical supplies for use of our training staff, and to Mr. Jack Ross for his gift of a photo of former star player, Charlie Ricketts. Mr. Percy Taylor, of the "Argus" for an enlarged photo of this year's team; this is being framed and placed in our rooms.

Messrs. Bruce Thompson and Dermot Connolly, of Allan's Studios, are making available a colored photo of our Best Player each season as a trophy to the player successful in gaining the award.

Alexander's Clothing Stores do many things to help us in each season. This year we received the help of their Mr. Budge in having a number of signs, needed for social efforts, printed gratis as a gesture to us. The principal of the Company is Mr. Ben Alexander, who has been associated with Richmond for more than 20 years. Ben is also a co-trustee of the R.F.C. Players' Provident Fund with Mr. Jim Macdermott and Mr. Harry Dyke.

In the immediate treatment of serious injuries sustained at training or in games, the staff of Prince Henry's Hospital are most

helpful. We wish to personally thank Drs. Hudson and Hargraves and the medical staff, Mr. W. H. Reddick, Mr. Bob Thomas and Colonel Wallis for the assistance given us.

As is usual, good friends in Messrs. Tom Crisp, Graham Halliday, Kevin Toms, Alan Lindsay, Ted McAuliffe, Bill Pitt, Jim Moore, Brian Hunt, Lindsay Hassett, Stan Quin and Wally Driver have been most useful to us in securing the requirements of the training room and trophies for the players, and we thank them for their advice and help. Mr. Arthur Dunmett is another gentleman who was very co-operative during 1954.

A special word of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Max Oppy for the wonderful evening in their lovely home tendered all at the Club at the end of the season. Everyone present had a splendid night and were entertained to the early hours of the morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Bon Carter, of Castlemaine, each week forward country papers to enable our selectors to watch results and best players in the various districts, a gesture sincerely appreciated. This also applies to our Life Member and former player, Doug Hayes; Doug is always on the look-out for new players for the Tigers.

Ralph Storey, of Warburton, assisted us on a number of occasions with new players. Ralph is a great friend of this Club.

Our special thanks to Mr. George Graves for his many valuable gifts and trophies. He has been a wonderful friend to our many special efforts for football and charity.

The "Listener-In" supplied football badges to many of the troops in Korea for their canteens as a result of a letter received by us from a Tiger fan. All League club supporters in Korea who desired them were supplied by this generous newspaper.

Mr. Sam Wells, of the "Age," is thanked for his gift of a framed caricature of His Excellency the Governor in Tiger uniform, which was presented to Sir Dallas by our President on Sam's behalf.

Mrs. Bill McDonald, wife of our trainer, "Scotchy," catered for the final night of training at the end of the season and provided an excellent meal for all present. The function was held in the R.C.C. rooms by courtesy of Messrs. Jim Cook and Percy Maybury. This is not the first time we have had the help of Mrs. McDonald in these matters and we are grateful to her for this assistance.

Our thanks also to Messrs. Bill Cawsey, John Barnden and their staff at the Melbourne Town Hall, who were helpful with the arrangements for our Annual Meeting and Sports Parade. Mr. Batten is another of the officials of the Town Hall who assists us considerably. We desire to convey our best wishes to Mr. H. S. Wootton, former Town Clerk, for the help given us during his term of office and wish him a happy retirement.

In the matter of entertainment the Club has many good friends. Messrs. Reg Potter, of the Regent Theatre; Harold McPhail, of the Esquire; Brian Connolly and Bob Callaway, of the Capitol; Jim Collins, Allan McClelland and John Stroud, of the State Theatre, are specially thanked. Members of the visiting East Perth F.C. were the guests of the Capitol during their holiday in Melbourne.

Appreciation is also due Mr. Eli Phillips, Mr. Johnnie Smith, Mr. Harry Dyke and Mr. Ray Dunn for their many valuable trophies over the years. Special praise for Ray Dunn for the help given us always with legal advice and assistance, particularly when required at quick notice. In this work, Cr. Frank O'Brien co-operates well, too.

Messrs. A. G. Munro and Joe Pettinato (Florina Cafe) help the Tigers considerably throughout the year in many ways. We are pleased to advise our members that Joe is almost recovered from a fractured leg sustained some months ago in a motor accident, and that Percy Langdon, committeeman, is also in much better health.

The ladies and gentlemen who assist us each season by selling membership tickets are doing good work for the Club. Many see little of the games played early in the season, as they are required to be outside the grounds catering for the wants of the members. We particularly thank Lawson Muir, Bill Barwood, Pat Hall, Les Roberts, Mick Fleming, Laurie Langdon, Ernie Churchill, Eric Hossack, Charlie Phipps, Norman Eyre, and the girls and other men who help us in this period.

To the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Richmond for their help throughout 1954. Special thanks to the past-Mayor, Cr. W. Moran, and our present Mayor, Cr. Frank McFarlane, who take a great interest in the Tigers.

To our local Members of Parliament, Hon. Frank Scully, M.L.A., Hon. Maurie Sheehy, M.L.C., now recovering from a serious illness, Mr. Stan Keon, M.H.R., and to another good friend of Richmond in Hon. P. Les Coleman, M.L.C., we express our thanks. They are very helpful to us in matters relating to employment and advice on numerous matters affecting the administration of the Club.

The officials of the V.F.L., led by Hon. L. H. McBrien, Mr. Eric McCutcheon and Mr. Jack Hamilton are always at our service, and do much to make the work of club officials easy. Arthur Hart and Arthur Rademacher lend special attention when permits and clearances are under review, whilst Miss Smith, Miss Drew and Ted Wolsley are always ready to help us. We extend congratulations to Miss Drew on her recent marriage.

We have many good friends in the advertising world who assist us with charity programmes. We particularly thank Mr. Des Millman, of Coles and Garrards, and Malties Pty. Ltd. for their special consideration shown us.

To the officials of the 2nd 18 League, led by Mr. Ralph Hamley, and the executive of the Melbourne Boys' League under Mr. Norman Youens, we express gratitude.

George Saunders, famous masseur, is ever-ready to co-operate with us in attending serious injuries. George is particularly glad to be of use to former players now coaching in the country.

Our thanks to good friend, Jim Macdermott, Trustee of the R.F.C. Players' Provident Fund, who has been very kind and helpful in the administration of the Fund for many years. Jim still enjoys good health and is a regular visitor to the Richmond Cricket Club and our games.

We wish to express the thanks of the Committee to Mr. Arthur Dunmett for his assistance to us in the matter of employment of our players and also for his generous donations throughout the past season.

Mr. Theo Lewis, well known racing identity, entertained our Committee at a Dinner at The Savoy-Plaza Hotel early in December. Also present were a number of other prominent sportsmen in racing and football. This gesture was sincerely appreciated by the Club. Theo is always a welcome visitor to Richmond and a firm favorite with all. His trophies to the players each season are many and varied. The Dinner was Theo's way of expressing his thanks to the Committee for the pleasure he has received from his association with the Tigers for many years. Our thanks to this great sportsman for his kindness and his interest in our Club.

CONGRATULATIONS

To His Excellency the Governor on the honour conferred on him by Her Majesty the Queen, of Knight Commander, Royal Victorian Order (K.C.V.O.).

To the following well known sportsmen who also received Birthday and New Year honours: K. G. Luke, C.M.G. (President Carlton F.C.); Vernon Ransford, O.B.E. (Secretary of Melbourne Cricket Club); Fred Laby, M.B.E. (former Editor "Sporting Globe" and outstanding worker for children's charities); Leo Rush, M.B.E. (Richmond Cricket Club).

Mr. Jack Ledward, former Tiger cricketer, who was elected as Secretary of the Australian Board of Control of Cricket; to Bill Johnston, again selected as a member of the Australian Test team; good friend of football, Ian Johnson, of South Melbourne, on his election as the Captain of the Australian Eleven, and to Ray Steele, former player of our Club, who was elected to represent Hawthorn-East Melbourne C.C. as a delegate to the Victorian Cricket Association.

To Mr. Fred Hill, former Secretary of the Victorian Football Union, who was elected as Secretary of the Victorian Football Association. Fred has always been a great friend of the Tigers. Len Smith, who made our supplementary list in 1954, but decided to remain another year with the old Paradians F.C., on his selection in the Victorian Amateur Football team, and Ray Allsop, a future Tiger and now at University of Melbourne, on his selection in the Victorian Amateurs and All-Australian Amateur Carnival football teams.

Best wishes to our good pal, Eric Welch, who has resigned from his broadcasting position and taken a hotel in the Mornington area, and to Dick Cranbourne, also of 3DB, recovered from his serious illness after several weeks in Prince Henry's Hospital.

Mr. Laird Smith, Secretary of St. Kilda F.C., and our former player, was created a Justice of the Peace during 1954, whilst Cr. Nellie Sheehan, sister of our Vice-President, Senator Jim Sheehan, was elected Mayor of Castlemaine. Our good friend, Dr. Bruce Cornwell, formerly of Prince Henry's Hospital, now at Melbourne University, on gaining further honours in the medical profession, and to Mr. John Clemenger, of Clemenger Advertising, who was elected President of the Australian Association of Advertising Agencies.

In recognition of his many wins in football awards and annexing the 1954 Brownlow Medal, Roy Wright was tendered a Testimonial, which proved a great success. Our congratulations to Roy for his great year. We all trust he continues on from where he finished this season and brings further honours to the Tigers and himself.

Former players won premierships and others did well in various districts with their new teams. Among these we specially convey our regards to Ken Roberts, Minyip and 1954 Premiers of the Wimmera League, and Max Currie, Jeparit, runners-up. Between the two players they have won the last three premierships of that body. Peter Hancock, 2nd flag in succession with his new side, Catani; Fred Cook, captain-coach of East Ringwood, 2nd premiership in line; Des Martin, 2nd consecutive pennant for Oakleigh Juniors under 18; Alan McDonald, captain-coach of South Bendigo F.C., premiers of the Bendigo League. Many others did well, too, and kept the Tigers' name well to the fore.

Our Club played a big part in the victories of the Victorian State team as mentioned elsewhere, but in addition to our own representatives on the administrative side in Messrs. Harry Dyke, Charlie Callander and Irvine Booth, our players selected in Roy Wright and Bill Wilson both did very well in the games in which they played. Our best wishes also to Ken Hands, captain, and Bill Hutchison, vice-captain, for excellent leadership.

To our good friends at Footscray Football Club, Mr. O. Grobecker, President; Secretary, Roy Russell; inspiring Captain-Coach, Charlie Sutton, the Committee, players and staff, for a splendid win in the premiership, thoroughly deserved and well-received by all football followers; to Melbourne for a magnificent season coming from 11th position to runners-up in one year, and to Geelong and North Melbourne who also made the final four. Special praise to Jack Collins who headed the goal-kicking ladder and won extra honour for Footscray, which team also took the 3rd 18 premiership —a good treble for one year. Geelong were successful in winning the V.F.L. championship.

Ted Turner, Brighton, who won the Liston Medal for the best player in the V.F.A., and Frank Johnson, Port Melbourne, won a number of radio and newspaper awards during the season. To Wally Carter, of the V.F.A. Premiers, Williamstown, and his players committee and staff, for success in his first year with his new team.

Ron Reeves, of the Richmond Scouts F.C., won the best and fairest award of his section of the Melbourne Boys' League. A splendid effort.

Our friends, the Hobart Football Club, the Tasmanian Tigers, won the Pennant for 1954, following a successful season. Roy Wright was invited to attend a charity day in Hobart during the latter end of the year with Ron Hutchinson, leading jockey, and during the time they were in that city, were made most welcome by officials of the Hobart F.C.

To John Ritchie, Kevin Belson, Frank Ryan, Don Hart, Les Flintoff, Haydn Cooke, Lloyd Brewer, Barry Cossar, Brian Hunt (donor), Bill Johnston (R.C.C.) and Toni Lamond (daughter of Stella and Max Reddy), who were all married during 1954, we convey our best wishes for future happiness.

Quite a number of our players, staff and good friends at the Club celebrated a happy event in 1954. We offer congratulations and regards to Mr. and Mrs. Allan Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Poulter, Mr. and Mrs. Geoff Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burge, Mr. and Mrs. Max Oppy, Mr. and Mrs. Don Durman, Mr. and Mrs. Len Dockett, Mr. and Mrs. John Stanley, and Mr. and Mrs. Rea Benn (of 3AK).

To Bill Hender, who won the best and fairest trophy of the Wonthaggi League. Bill is one whom our members can mark down as a future Tiger player.

To Carlton Football Club Secretary, Cr. Larry Floyd, on his gaining selection in politics for the State seat of Williamstown. Larry seems assured of success in the ballot to be held late in 1955, and should soon make his mark in the political world, as he has already made it in sport and municipal life.

VISIT TO SOUTH AUSTRALIA

A most enjoyable end of season trip was made to Adelaide and the Spencer Gulf by a party of 52 from our Club, including several visitors, who had been most helpful to the Tigers during the year.

The party left by private cars on 29th September under the most capable managership of Mr. Bill Pitt, who was ably assisted by Charlie Priestley. The first night was spent at Dimboola, where we were entertained by the President and officials of that club, and an enjoyable evening was spent in this very hospitable town. Off early the following morning, Adelaide was reached at about 4.30 p.m. and we were met by Mr. Maurie Bloustein and other officials of the South Adelaide F.C. who took us to the hotels at Seacliff and Henley Beach, where our party was accommodated.

Mr. Bloustien was at our call during the whole visit, as were our other good friends of the S.A. Football League. Nothing is a trouble to our Adelaide friends. Messrs. Tom Hill, Secretary, Harry Clamp and Tom Leahy, his assistants of the League, did their utmost to see that we were well looked after. The President of the League, Mr. S. Lewis, tendered the whole party a reception at the splendidly appointed rooms in Rindmarsh Square, and President Harry Dyke and Bill Pitt thanked the League for the welcome and kindness shown our party by the clubs, S.A. League officials and staff.

The trip was arranged to provide also for a night football match being played at Norwood Oval against the South Australian League premiership team. This was the idea of Harry Dyke, and proved a great success. To enable the players to be fit, training was held at Glenelg Oval on two occasions and once at Port Augusta whilst the party was on the Gulf sea trip. We desire to thank officials of the both clubs for making available the facilities of their grounds and thus ensuring our lads being 100 per cent. fit. Mr. Ray Curnow, of Glenelg, was particularly helpful to us. Several of our players had to receive medical attention and the Glenelg Club Doctor, and Mr. "Tiger" Potts and his training staff of the Norwood Club were kindness itself in treating the injuries. As a result we fielded a fit team in the game.

The party witnessed the grand final at Adelaide Oval and saw a vigorous game eventually won by Port Adelaide. Once more we were the guests of the League, but after the game we were entertained by the President and officials of the South Adelaide F.C. in their club rooms and spent an enjoyable hour, following which we were taken by bus to the S.S. Moonta for the Spencer Gulf trip.

It is safe to say that rarely in the history of Richmond have the players on a trip had a more enjoyable time. Nothing had been left to chance by Bill Pitt and Charlie Priestley, and in all entertainment the passengers and members of the crew did their utmost to co-operate and see our party had a grand time. Due to the game on the following Thursday night, many of the players had to leave the ship on the early Tuesday morning at Port Augusta, where they also trained as guests of the home club. Later, they were on the train back to Adelaide and thence to their hotels. The rest of the party remaining on the ship, were in charge of Charlie Priestley, and arrived back in Adelaide on Thursday afternoon. The players who had returned early trained again on the Wednesday morning under Captain Des Rowe and did well. They had been accompanied by Bill Pitt, who then joined the Secretary, who had remained in Adelaide to assist handle the arrangements for the big game.

This match drew a record attendance for a night football game at Norwood Oval of 15,000 and also a record gate. Port Adelaide fielded practically the side which had won them the pennant, whilst our team was the strongest we had available from players on the trip. We had the use of the Norwood rooms and the services of all their staff. Mr. Ern Wadham, Secretary, and his Club Doctor, helped greatly. Many of our players had never played under lights before and were a little strange at first, but quickly settled down and showed splendid form. The crowd was kept interested by excellent marking and kicking by both sides. Our lads eventually won by 47 points, a very fine performance considering they had not been in a game for many weeks. Geoff Spring won the trophy for our best player, but we did not have a weak man in the line-up. Alby Pannam made a special trip over to supervise the team for the game.

We are grateful to the S.A. Football League for allowing us to take part in the game. The financial return to us was over £880

which has been credited to the trip fund for the future use of the Club on similar visits. It also provided a splendid return for Port Adelaide and a reward for the 1954 premiership win.

The party were entertained royally after the game and, in fact, until we left for home by car on the Saturday morning. Arriving at Dimboola that night, we were again the guests of the local football club at a dance and thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Our grateful thanks to Dimboola residents for their help. The party left for home on the Sunday morning, after one of the best trips ever.

Most of the credit must be given Bill Pitt for his wonderful organisation of the visit, and the capable manner he managed the arrangements with the help of Charlie Priestley. Charlie Callander, Harold Tomison and Irvine Booth helped a lot, particularly Harold who had his car available when required. Each of the party had souvenir banners, pennants and itineraries available, with ties and badges, also. The members of the party who made their cars available to enable us to travel by road deserve our thanks, for it made for a very enjoyable trip, the cars travelling in convoy fashion.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob O'Neill had their home at our disposal the whole of the visit and were splendid hosts. Their beautiful home in the Adelaide hills is a show place. Several billiard tournaments were held and trophies given the winners. Bob is a former Tiger player of the early 20's, and now an official of the South Adelaide F.C. where our other good friends, Messrs. Jackson and Bloustien, were at call all the time. Mrs. Bloustien also did a lot to help make the visit enjoyable.

Letters were sent from the Club thanking our good friends in Adelaide for their help and hospitality, but particular thanks must go to Mr. Tom Hill. Nothing is a trouble to this efficient S.A. League Secretary and he did his utmost to see we had a good time and that the football match was a success.

Presentations were made to Messrs. Bill Pitt and Charlie Priestley from the party as a mark of esteem for their managership of the trip. And so ended a most memorable Club Interstate visit.

SECRETARY'S ADDENDUM

In completing my last Annual Report for the Tigers, I wish to take the opportunity of thanking everyone associated with football for 15 very happy years as Secretary. The President, Committee, Players, Training Staff and members of our Club have always been most loyal and helpful and it has been a great pleasure for me to be able to work with them in the interests of our grand Club.

The officials of the V.F.L. and the other League clubs have always been very co-operative, and although the game is naturally based on keen rivalry and competition, it is nevertheless a friendly tussle.

Members have my assurance that, but for indifferent health, I would have been happy to have gone on serving the interests of the Tigers for many more years. I am always going to be interested in the future of the Club and trust the day will not be long off when Mrs. Fleming and I will again be working in the interests of Richmond Football Club. We have made many friends. We hope we will always have them.

Before concluding, I wish to commend to you the new Honorary Secretary of the Club, Mr. Hec. Lingwood-Smith, who will assume the position after the Annual Meeting. Mr. Harry Dyke has arranged for a new allocation of the duties of the club officials and there is no doubt that under his and Hec's administration the Tigers will prosper. Hec has been one of our most active scouts for players this season and he thus will have many of the new lads he has signed under his care in 1955.

Members are urged to help him in any way possible. He has the confidence of everyone at Richmond and we are sure he will take the Tigers further up the ladder in the coming season. I offer him my best wishes for success, knowing that his every effort will be bent to help the Club on the way to another Premiership. Finally, I desire to pay a tribute to my wife, Ivy. Without her help, advice and co-operation I could never have accomplished anything in football, or, in fact, charity work which has so much been a feature of the history of Richmond Football Club. Ivy has been alongside me in each and every effort for the Club.

To our members, I ask them to remember our slogan: "Once a Tiger, always a Tiger!" Success for 1955 and the future is our wish.

MAURIE FLEMING, Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S ADDENDUM

It is with deep regret that I have to announce the retirement of our popular Secretary, Mr. Maurie Fleming.

Maurie has been at the Club for the past fifteen years, during which time he has done a wonderful job for the Club, and endeared himself to everybody with whom he has come in contact. It was with regret that my Committee and I had to accept his resignation as it will be difficult to replace him. After receiving advice from his Medical Adviser that he should give up football administration and take a long rest, we were forced to abide by the Doctor's and Maurie's own decision to retire. Maurie will be a loss, not only to the Richmond Football Club, but to all sports, also by his Associates in the numerous charitable appeals which he, ably assisted by his wife, Mrs. Ivy Fleming, has undertaken for a number of years.

We hope that after an extended holiday, Maurie will be restored in health and he carries the best wishes of all at Richmond for a speedy recovery.

Re performances of our team in Season 1954. Our hopes of lifting the side higher in the list were justified, as we finished the season fifth on the Premiership List. Many fine performances were produced, the beating of Footscray, the Premier side, twice, Collingwood twice, North Melbourne and Geelong once—a lapse at the end of the season caused us to miss the Final Four. With the addition of several first-class players to go into the side and the experience gained by the younger players last season, we feel we will again regain a position in the Final Four in 1955.

I would like to thank the Secretary and all Members of the Committee for the manner in which they supported me during this term.

HARRY DYKE, President.

ANNUAL TROPHIES, SEASON 1954

For	Donor	Won by
Best and Fairest	Mr. Jack Jones	Roy Wright
2nd Best and Fairest	Mr. Tom Crisp	Kevin Dillon
3rd Best and Fairest	Marchants Pty. Ltd.	Geoff Spring
Most Determined	Mr. George Graves	Des Rowe
Most Reliable	Mr. Bill Pitt	Jim Deane
Most Unselfish	Mr. Brian Hunt	Ron Branton
Most Consistent	Mr. Johnnie Smith	Ray Poulter
Most Improved	Mr. Ray Dunn	Allan Cafions
Best Utility	Senator P. J. Kennelly	Allan Cooke
Best First Year Player (W. Cosgrove Memorial Trophy)	Mr. Harry Dyke	Jim Walton
Special Trophy	Mr. Tom Clencie	John Nix
" "	Richmond Chronicle	Havel Rowe
" "	Cr. Frank O'Brien	Brian Davie
" "	Senator Jim Sheehan	Kevin Betson
" "	Mr. Les Goring	Bill Wilson
" "	Mr. Ted Newton	Max Oppy
" "	Mr. A. Creighton	Reg Hall
" "	Mr. Maurie Fleming	Colin Austen
Most Weekly Awards (Eli Phillips Trophy)	Mr. Eli Phillips	Roy Wright
Most Votes Brownlow Medal	Mr. Max Reddy	Roy Wright
Richmond News Trophy	Richmond News	Roy Wright
Best Player 2nd 18	The J. D. Langdon Trophy	Frank Slater
Best Player 3rd 18	The J. J. Smith Trophy	Ray Jordon

GOALS KICKED BY PRESENT-DAY PLAYERS

Player	Season 1954	Total with Club	Player	Season 1954	Total with Club
Branton, R.	33	55	Cox, G.	3	13
Poulter, R.	32	271	Hart, D.	2	2
Wright, R.	25	77	Morcom, S.	2	2
Wilson, W.	20	225	Betson, K.	1	2
Walton, J.	15	15	Cafions, A.	1	8
Deane, J.	12	12	Rowe, D.	1	23
Spring, G.	12	56	Oppy, M.	–	29
Rowe, H.	10	40	Nix, J.	–	13
Bradley, K.	10	10	Dunin, F.	–	9
Davie, B.	10	25	Hafey, T.	–	3
Dummett, R.	7	7	Boland, B.	–	6
Cooke, A.	6	50	Dillon, K.	–	4
Hall, R.	4	4	Ritchie, J.	–	2
Sharp, L.	4	4	Ryan, F.	–	2
			Total	210	974

DONORS TO CLUB FUNDS, SEASON 1954

Mr. A. N. M. King	£26	5	0
Mr. Ron Garraway	25	0	0
Mr. Jack Jones	25	0	0
Mr. Theo Lewis	25	0	0
Mr. Johnnie Smith	25	0	0
Mr. Bob Knapp	21	0	0
Messrs. Bert & Peter Maddern	21	0	0
Mr. Jim Macdermott	20	0	0
Mr. Cyril Turner	20	0	0
Mr. George Provan	13	12	0
Douglas Tait Pharmacy	12	12	0
Mr. Donald Don	10	10	0
Four Square Cigarettes	10	10	0
Mr. Hugh James	10	10	0
Mr. Dick Kelly	10	10	0
Mrs. R. McDougall	10	10	0
Richmond Chronicle	10	10	0
Mr. Dick Woolcott (U.S.S.R.)	10	0	0
Mr. George Alessio	10	0	0
Mr. John Costello	10	0	0
Mr. Arthur Dunmall	10	0	0
Mr. Jack Gibson	10	0	0
Mr. Len Goodman	10	0	0
Mr. Bill Graves	10	0	0
Mr. George Graves	10	0	0
Mr. Jim Graves	10	0	0
Mr. Ernest Gray	10	0	0
Mr. Gordon Hoadley	10	0	0
Marchants Pty. Ltd.	10	0	0
Mr. Albert Smith	10	0	0
Mr. Alex Tait	10	0	0
Mr. Ted Newton	7	7	0
Mr. Ray Steele	7	7	0
Mr. Frank Pembroke	6	10	0
William Archer Co.	6	6	0
Mr. Bill Pitt	6	6	0
Mr. George Rouse	6	5	0
Mr. R. L. Beatty	5	5	0
Mr. Fred Bunny	5	5	0
Bryant & May P/L	5	5	0
Miss Airdrie Cameron	5	5	0
Messrs. S. & H. Cusworth	5	5	0
Messrs. S. & M. De George	5	5	0
Mr. Ray Dunn	5	5	0
Mr. Terry Dwyer	5	5	0
Engineering Products Co.	5	5	0
Mr. Norman Eyre	5	5	0
Mr. Ross Faulkner	5	5	0
Mr. Wally Fehmel	5	5	0
Mr. Terry Fitzpatrick	5	5	0
Mrs. Ivy Fleming	5	5	0
Mr. Maurie Fleming	5	5	0
Goldline Garden Tools Co.	5	5	0
Mr. Bill Harkin	5	5	0
The H. J. Heinz Co. P/L	5	5	0
Mr. George Hook	5	5	0
Mr. F. V. (Checker) Hughes	5	5	0
Mr. Ted Jackson	5	5	0
Mr. Stan Jaffer	5	5	0
Mr. Bill King	5	5	0
Kornie Food Co.	5	5	0
Mr. Percy Mitchell	5	5	0
Cr. W. Moran, J.P.	5	5	0
Mr. H. Moroney	5	5	0
Mrs. I. A. Mulcahy	5	5	0
McPherson Bolt Works Ltd.	5	5	0
Cr. Maurice Nathan	5	5	0
Mr. Bill Palmer	5	5	0
Mr. and Mrs. Max Reddy	5	5	0
Richmond Brewing Co.	5	5	0
Senator Jim Sheehan	5	5	0
Mr. Harry Stribling (Junior)	5	5	0
Mr. E. Smith (Cherry Tree Hotel)	5	5	0
Mr. David Stewart	5	5	0
Tilbury & Lewis P/L	5	5	0
Mr. Jack Titus	5	5	0
Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Taylor	5	5	0
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Walker	5	5	0
Ziegfield Palais	5	5	0
Mr. Rex Bungey	5	0	0
Mr. Bill Dooley	5	0	0
Mr. Harry Dyke	5	0	0
Mr. Bob Ellis	5	0	0
Mr. Norman Ellis	5	0	0
Mr. Les Gibson	5	0	0
Dr. John Jens	5	0	0
Mr. Charles Johnson	5	0	0
Mr. Mick Kanis	5	0	0
Mr. Jack Mulder	5	0	0
Mr. Peter Read	5	0	0
Cr. Tom Bolger	4	4	0
Mr. R. L. Leau, J.P.	4	4	0
Apex Motors P/L	3	3	0
Mr. Charles Boyles	3	3	0
Mr. Fred Chatto	3	3	0
Mr. Thomas Corns	3	3	0
Mr. Hec Haslem	3	3	0
Mr. Frank Henderson	3	3	0
Mr. Alex Holzer	3	3	0
Wm. Horsfall & Co.	3	3	0
J. Hubball P/L	3	3	0
Mr. Ernest King	3	3	0
Mr. Ernest Kirton	3	3	0
Mr. Fred Laby	3	3	0
Mr. Lawson Muir	3	3	0

Mr. J. W. Murphy	3	3	0
McFarlane & Burns P/L	3	3	0
Mr. John McMahon	3	3	0
Mr. W. S. Nutt, J.P.	3	3	0
Mr. Clarrie Robertson	3	3	0
Mr. Les Sinclair	3	3	0
Mr. Alan Steele	3	3	0
Mr. Stan J. Steele	3	3	0
Master Tony Steele	3	3	0
Valco Engineering Co.	3	3	0
Bro. Leo Hughes	3	1	0
Mr. George Caldis (Benalla)	3	0	0
Mr. Eric James	3	0	0
Master Alan Stone	3	0	0
Mr. L. Arthur	2	10	0
Mr. A. McMillan	2	10	0
The J. R. Watkins Co.	2	10	0
John Allison (Roy V.)	2	2	0
Mr. Bob Barry	2	2	0
Sir Frank Beaurepaire	2	2	0
Mr. Jack Baggoff	2	2	0
Cr. Jim Bolger	2	2	0
Mr. E. Bunn	2	2	0
Carlton & United Breweries	2	2	0
Mr. John Clemenger	2	2	0
Mr. Jim Cook	2	2	0
Mr. E. M. Cooke	2	2	0
Mr. Gordon Coote	2	2	0
Mr. Cecil Cox	2	2	0
Mr. Tom Davern	2	2	0
Mr. J. H. Devine	2	2	0
Hon. Arthur Drakeford, M.H.R.	2	2	0
Mr. Arthur Fayle	2	2	0
Mr. Nick Fermanis	2	2	0
Mr. William Fowler	2	2	0
F. D. Hagger P/L	2	2	0
Mr. L. E. Jaques	2	2	0
Mr. S. M. Keon, M.H.R.	2	2	0
Kiwi Polish Co.	2	2	0
Mr. E. Kirton, Jnr.	2	2	0
Mr. Percy Langdon	2	2	0
Mr. H. Lingwood-Smith	2	2	0
London Stores Ltd.	2	2	0
Mr. Bob Long	2	2	0
Love & Pollard P/L	2	2	0
Lyke-Nu Dry Cleaners	2	2	0
Mayne Nickless P/L	2	2	0
Mr. Alan Murray	2	2	0
J. Murray More & Co.	2	2	0
Mr. Jack McAdams	2	2	0
John McIlwraith & Co.	2	2	0
Cr. O. J. Nilsen, J.P.	2	2	0
Mr. Matt O'Donohue	2	2	0
Pelaco Ltd.	2	2	0
Mr. Joe Pettinato	2	2	0
Mr. Frank Pittard	2	2	0
Mr. Frank Power	2	2	0
Preservene P/L	2	2	0
Primrose Flower Shop	2	2	0
Mr. Dave Prince	2	2	0
Relova Re-dressing Service	2	2	0
Richmond Dry Cleaners	2	2	0
H. A. Rogers P/L	2	2	0
Hon. F. R. Scully, M.L.A.	2	2	0
Cr. Hon. M. P. Sheehy, M.L.C.	2	2	0
A. E. Smith & Sons	2	2	0
Mr. G. Stewart	2	2	0
John Sutherland & Sons	2	2	0
Mr. Ern Taylor (Trafalgar)	2	2	0
Victoria Fibrous Plaster Co.	2	2	0
Colonel R. J. Wallis, M.C.	2	2	0
Mr. Ted Weiland	2	2	0
Mr. Keith Cochrane	2	0	0
Cremorne Collar Co.	2	0	0
Mr. Douglas Elliot	2	0	0
Mr. John F. Fleming	2	0	0
Mr. Fred Habib (Adelaide)	2	0	0
Mr. N. J. Kirton	2	0	0
"Moya," C/o. Vaucluse Hotel	2	0	0
Mr. John Yewers	2	0	0
Compressed Cork Sheets Co.	1	10	0
Miss Marion Greenough	1	10	0
Mr. J. W. Moran	1	10	0
Tas. Pickett P/L	1	10	0
Herbert Adams P/L	1	5	0
Mr. George Andrews	1	1	0
Mr. Len Creed (Norlen)	1	1	0
Hon. T. D'Alton, M.L.C.	1	1	0
Mr. Eric Hossack	1	1	0
Senator C. Sandford	1	1	0
Woolworths (Vic.) Ltd.	1	1	0
Mr. W. Bradley (Perth)	1	0	0
Mr. George Cracknell	1	0	0
Anonymous		5	0
Total	£1,000	14	0

RESULT OF MATCHES, SEASON 1954

Date	Richmond versus	Result	Rich. Score G.	B.	Pts.	Oppon. Score G.	B.	Pts.
April 19	Nth. Melbourne	Lost	13	14	92	15	11	101
" 24	Footscray	Won	12	19	91	9	19	73
May 1	Carlton	Won	14	20	104	12	8	80
" 8	Sth. Melbourne	Lost	10	16	76	12	9	81
" 15	Melbourne	Lost	10	7	67	14	13	97
" 22	Hawthorn	Lost	10	12	72	11	12	78
" 29	Collingwood	Won	14	13	97	11	8	74
June 5	St. Kilda	Won	17	13	115	10	6	66
" 12	Fitzroy	Won	11	13	79	6	17	53
" 26	Geelong	Won	18	12	120	13	17	95
July 3	Essendon	Lost	13	6	84	13	9	87
" 10	Nth. Melbourne	Won	14	14	98	6	15	51
" 24	Footscray	Won	6	13	49	6	9	45
" 31	Carlton	Lost	6	10	46	9	11	65
Aug. 7	Sth. Melbourne	Won	12	15	87	6	16	52
" 14	Melbourne	Lost	10	18	78	15	4	94
" 21	Hawthorn	Lost	6	11	47	10	10	70
" 28	Collingwood	Won	14	17	101	6	12	48
			210	243	1503	184	206	1310

Summary: Matches Played 18; Won 10, Lost 8.
Position on Premiership List: Fifth.

FIVE, TEN, FIFTEEN-YEAR PLAYERS

Fifteen Years:

1923—H. James. 1924—V. Thorp (16 years). 1939—P. Bentley (16 years). 1940—J. Titus (18 years). 1945—J. Dyer (19 years).

Ten Years:

1919—B. V. Herbert, P. Maybury, S. Reeves. 1921—C. H. Hall. 1923—F. V. Hughes. 1924—F. Harley. 1926—J. Smith, D. Don. 1934—A. Geddes, B. McCormack, T. O'Halloran. 1936—J. Murdoch. 1939—K. O'Neill, M. Bolger. 1940—R. Martin. 1943—R. Harris, J. Symons. 1944—G. Smeaton. 1947—C. Priestley. 1949—L. Merrett, W. Perkins. 1951—F. Burge, J. W. Morris, W. M. Oppy. 1953—W. Wilson.

Five Years:

1913—E. Ohlsen, W. Mahoney, R. Bowden, G. Gibson. 1914—F. McCashney, F. Love. 1916—D. J. Moffatt. 1918—A. J. Bettles, R. T. Hede. 1919—H. Alessio, L. Burke, A. Danks, E. Keggin, W. Thomas 1920—G. Bayliss. 1921—M. Hislop, R. Weatherill. 1923—G. Weatherill. 1924—F. Huggard, J. Karthaus, N. McIntosh, D. Minogue, E. Taylor. 1925—M. Morris. 1926—D. Hayes. 1927—A. McIsaac, G. Rudolph. 1929—D. Lynch. 1930—R. Empey, D. Harris, H. Weidner, K. Millar. 1931—J. Baggott, C. Watson. 1932—W. Benton, B. Foster, S. Judkins. 1933—M. Hunter, M. Sheahan. 1934—F. Zschech. 1935—G. and D. Strang. 1938—D. Guinane, R. Chergwin. 1939—J. Cotter. 1940—I. Hull, N. Dickson. 1941—J. Crane, M. O'Connell. 1942—B. Edwards. 1943—L. Ablett, R. Bawden, J. Scott. 1944—B. Waldron. 1945—L. Maguire, B. Randall, L. Smith. 1946—A. McDonald, W. Russell, R. Steele, J. Sullivan. 1947—F. Bourke, R. Durham, A. Mooney. 1948—F. Cook, L. Jones. 1949—D. Fraser, R. Wiggins. 1950—K. Albiston, R. Poulter, D. Rowe, R. Stokes, R. Wright. 1951—M. Currie, K. Roberts. 1952—H. Rowe, G. Spring. 1953—A. Cooke, K. Dillon, J. Nix, J. O'Rourke. 1954—B. Boland.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

His Excellency the Governor of Victoria
General Sir Dallas Brooks, KCB, KCMG, DSO, KStJ, KCVO.

LIFE MEMBERS

The Club's Life Membership list is as follows:—

1905—McNair, A.
1915—James, J. H.
1916—Lohse, W. H.
1917—Maybury, P. H.
1919—Reeves, S. W.
1920—Hall, C. H.
1921—Aarons, A.
1922—Bettles, A. J.
1923—Hughes, F. V.
1924—Harley, F.
1926—Don, D.
Smith, J.
1927—Dyke, H.
Taylor, E.
1928—Hayes, D.
1929—Gosch, W. H.
1930—Higginbotham, W. J.
1931—Page, P.
1932—Baker, W.
1933—Cox, H.
1934—Bentley, P.
Geddes, A.
O'Halloran, T.
McCormack, B.
1935—O'Brien, F.
Titus, J.
1937—Murdoch, J.
1938—Hunter, M.
Sheahan, M. E.
1939—Bolger, M.
O'Neill, K.
1940—Dyer, J.
Martin, R.
1941—Callander, C.
Daws, A. H.
1942—Fleming, J. M.
Turner, C. E.
1943—Harris, R.
Symons, J.
1944—Langdon, P. C.
Smeaton, G.
1945—Jones, J. H.
1946—Davall, R.
Dunn, R. H.
1947—Kennelly, P. J.
Priestley, C.
1948—Joyce, J.
Quinn, W. A.
1949—Merrett, L.
Perkins, W.
1950—Goring, L. J.
Sheehan, J. M.
1951—Burge, F.
Morris, J. W.
Oppy, W. M.
1952—Sinclair, L.
Grogan, Dr. P. L.
1953—Booth, I.
Wilson, W.
1954—Knapp, R.
Stanbrough, W.

RESULT OF MATCHES PLAYED BY RICHMOND SINCE JOINING THE VICTORIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE IN 1908

Against	Won	Lost	Tied	Played
Carlton	38	60	–	98
Collingwood	40	56	1	97
Essendon	41	44	2	87
Fitzroy	46	44	–	90
Footscray	34	16	1	51
Geelong	49	34	2	85
Hawthorn	43	9	–	52
Melbourne	47	33	2	82
North Melbourne	35	13	–	48
South Melbourne	41	43	1	85
St. Kilda	55	20	–	75
	469	372	9	850

PLAYERS IN PREMIERSHIP MATCHES

Player	First Played	Matches 1954	Total Matches Played
Andas, P.	1952	3	13
Betson, K.	1952	15	32
Boland, B.	1950	4	46
Bradley, K.	1954	6	6
Branton, R.	1953	18	35
Cations, A.	1952	17	45
Cooke, A.	1949	16	76
Cox, G.	1952	2	22
Cox, L.	1954	1	1
Davie, B.	1953	13	28
Deane, J.	1954	15	15
Dillon, K.	1949	17	79
Dummett, R.	1954	7	7
Eade, C.	1954	1	1
Green, W.	1953	2	9
Hafey, T.	1953	4	16
Hall, R.	1953	13	14
Hart, D.	1954	5	5
Morcom, S.	1952	4	14
McGown, K.	1954	1	1
Nix, J.	1949	13	70
Oppy, M.	1942	17	184
Patterson, J.	1953	1	14
Poulter, R.	1946	17	135
Ritchie, J.	1951	13	30
Rowe, D.	1946	16	123
Rowe, H.	1948	16	87
Ryan, F.	1951	3	35
Sawatzky, E.	1954	3	3
Sharp, L.	1954	8	8
Slater, F.	1953	8	12
Spring, G.	1948	13	126
Walton, J.	1954	16	16
Wilson, W.	1944	16	183
Wright, R.	1946	17	125

Thirty-five players, including ten first-year players with the Club, participated in premiership matches during the 1954 season.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCES

General Committee (18 meetings): H. J. Dyke 18, J. M. Fleming 18, W. A. Quinn 15, M. J. Bolger 13, R. H. Dunn 15, P. J. Kennelly 14, F. E. O'Brien 16, W. G. Pitt 17, J. M. Sheehan 14, L. J. Goring 18, H. Lingwood-Smith 17, C. E. Priestley 18, J. Titus 14, P. Rowe 15, L. Sinclair 10 (appointed 31/5/54), P. C. Langdon (ill, leave of absence); Players' Representatives (12 meetings): A. Cooke 12, D. Rowe 9, R. Wright 9; R.C.C. Representative, F. Henderson 7 (deceased); Proxy Delegates: W. Smith 4, D. Goodson 4; Second 18 Representative, J. Joyce 14; Proxy Delegates, L. Ford 2, J. Phelan 2.

Finance and Executive Meetings (10 meetings held): F. E. O'Brien 10, M. J. Bolger 10, R. H. Dunn 9, H. J. Dyke 10, J. M. Fleming 10, W. A. Quinn 10.

Selection Committee (21 meetings held): H. J. Dyke 20, A. Pannam 21, C. E. Priestley 21, D. Rowe 18, J. Titus 21, Proxy Delegate, M. Oppy 5. Second 18 Coach, Colin Austen, attended 20 meetings.

CLUB OFFICIALS AND ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE ADMISSION TO LEAGUE

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer	Captain	Highest Goal Kicker	For Gls.	For Bhds.	Against Gls.	Against Bhds.	Position
1908	G. H. Bennett, M.L.A.	A. Manzie	A. McNair	G. Pannam	W. Bourke (44)	121	172	173	897	Ninth
1909	F. G. Tudor, M.H.R.	"	"	R. Condon	W. Bourke (20)	111	152	173	929	Eighth
1910	"	"	"	J. Cowan	W. Schmidt (30)	111	153	155	1,000	Seventh
1911	"	"	"	W. Schmidt	M. Maguire (30)	128	199	138	1,013	Eighth
1912	"	"	"	L. Incgrhert	M. Maguire (29)	113	177	154	999	Ninth
1913	"	G. P. Beacheroft	J. Macdermott	M. Maguire	Keggin (24)	113	177	150	1,041	Seventh
1914	"	W. H. Lehne	J. H. Archer	M. Thomas	Martyn (22)	113	177	150	1,041	Eighth
1915	"	"	"	"	Martyn (22)	113	177	150	1,041	Eighth
1916	"	"	"	"	Hall (25)	113	177	150	1,041	Eighth
1917	"	"	"	"	Hall (25)	113	177	150	1,041	Eighth
1918	"	"	"	"	Hall (25)	113	177	150	1,041	Eighth
1919	"	W. A. Maybury	"	P. H. Maybury	Charles (44)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1920	"	"	"	C. H. Hall	Charles (44)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1921	"	"	"	W. Thomas	Don (31)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1922	A. Wood	"	"	S. Minogue	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1923	"	"	A. Ahern	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1924	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1925	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1926	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1927	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1928	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1929	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1930	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1931	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1932	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1933	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1934	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1935	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1936	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1937	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1938	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1939	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1940	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1941	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1942	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1943	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1944	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1945	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1946	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1947	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1948	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1949	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1950	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1951	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1952	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1953	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1954	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1955	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1956	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1957	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1958	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1959	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1960	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1961	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1962	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1963	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1964	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1965	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1966	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
1967	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
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1969	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
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2000	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
2001	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
2002	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
2003	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
2004	"	"	"	"	Bayliss (40)	113	177	150	1,041	Sixth
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